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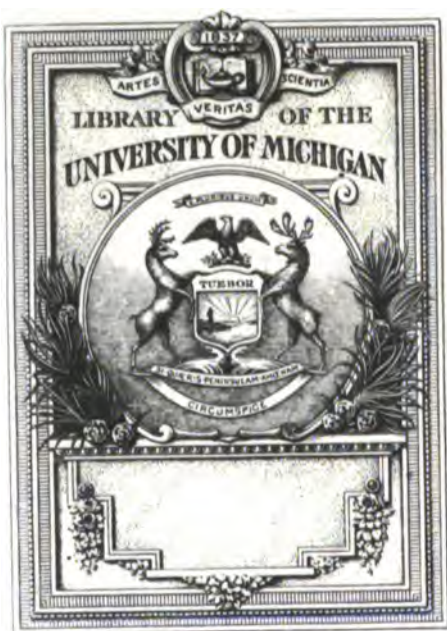
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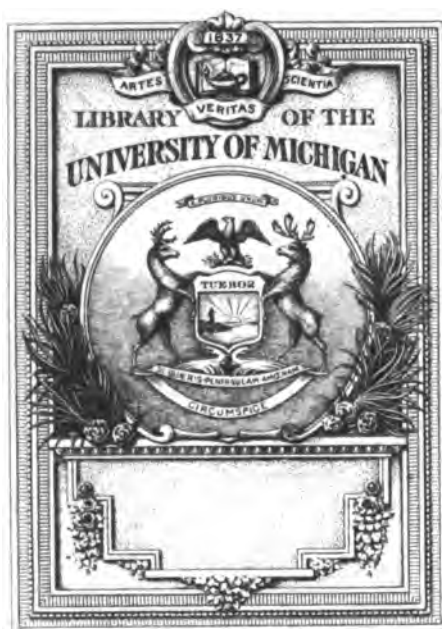
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PREFACE.

VOLUME IV. of the Reprint of the Minutes brings the work down to the year 1822.

The period covered by this volume is a very important one to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The craft sustained a severe loss in the destruction of the Masonic Hall on Chestnut street by fire in the year 1819, an account of which is given in this volume. Steps were taken at once to build the second Chestnut Street Hall, and all the arrangements were recorded very fully in the Minutes. The new Hall was dedicated and consecrated on November 1, 1820, with great pomp and ceremony, and the account given is very full and complete. Over thirty Lodges received warrants during the period covered by this volume. The reports of the committees appointed on various matters are given in full in the Minutes, and many of them are of more than ordinary interest to the reader, and the same can be said of many of the resolutions on different questions that were presented for consideration. The important reports and resolutions are all indexed.

The question of the establishment of a General Grand Lodge was discussed and acted on by the Grand Lodge, and the first steps were taken on a number of important matters, among them being the establishment of a Masonic Library, a Charity Fund, the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters and the organization of a School of Instruction.

The Committee is indebted to Washington Lodge, No. 59, of Philadelphia, for the plates of the illustrations that appear in this volume, as well as the illustrations of the different Masonic Halls that have been printed in the former volumes.

The work on Volume V. will be started at once.

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 20th January, A. D. 1817, A. L. 5817.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

BRO. WALTER KERR, R. W. Grand Master.

- " Bayse Newcomb, jun^r R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- " Thomas Elliott, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " William Wray, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " George A. Baker, jun^r R. W. Grand Secretary, P. T.
- " George Morrison, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
- " William McCorkle, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.
- " Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " Randal Hutchinson, Junior Grand Deacon.
- " John P. Schott, Grand Sword Bearer.
- " James Harper, jun^r Grand Marshal.
- " Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 84, 92, 113, 114, 115, 121, 124, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139 and 141 represented.

Twenty Six Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample Form at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

The Committee of Accounts made report on the Account of Bro. George A. Baker, deceased, late Grand Secretary, for the payment of Interest on the Masonic Loans for the last year which was read and is as follows, to wit :

" We, the Committee of Accounts of the Right Worshipful
" the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Respectfully report, that
" we have carefully examined the within Account of the late
" Grand Secretary in account with the Grand Lodge of the
" Interest on the Masonic Loans and find the same correct,

"leaving a balance of Interest not called for of One Hundred
 "and Seventy Seven Dollars, which is laying deposited in
 "Girard's Bank as per Bank Book.

"Philadelphia, 30th Dec^r. 1816.

(Sign'd)

"WILLIAM PAGE,

"MARK RICHARDS,

"BERNARD DAHLGREEN,

} Committee."

Which Report was approved.

A Report and Account were received from the Trustees of
 the Masonic Loans, and read and ordered to be entered on the
 Minutes, and are as follows, to wit:

"At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic
 "Loans held at the New Hall of the Grand Lodge in Chestnut
 "Street, Philadelphia, on Monday, the 6th January, 1817, at
 "7 o'clock in the Evening.

"A Certificate (or Return) of an Election held this morn-
 "ing for Electing from among the Stockholders, Six Persons,
 "to serve in conjunction with the Grand Master, Deputy Grand
 "Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand
 "Secretary and Grand Treasurer, for the time being as Trus-
 "tees of the Masonic Loans for one year from this Day, and
 "until a new Board shall be elected on the First Monday in
 "January, 1818, was read, whereby it appears that Charles
 "Biddle, Edward Burd, Stephen Girard, Thomas McEuen,
 "Elijah Griffith and Thomas F. Leaming were duly Elected.

"The Board then proceeded to the Election of Officers for
 "the ensuing year, when Charles Biddle, Esquire, was elected
 "President, George A. Baker, jun^r. Secretary, and Thomas
 "McEuen, Esquire, Treasurer.

"On Motion made and Seconded,

"Resolved, That a Copy of the Account of the Board of
 "Trustees which was laid before the Stockholders this morning
 "at their annual meeting, exhibiting the Receipt of Monies
 "by the Trustees during the last year and their investments
 "of the same in Stock, on Account of the Sinking Fund, be
 "transmitted to the Grand Lodge for their information.

"Extract from the Minutes.

(Sign'd)

"GEORGE A. BAKER, jun^r."

"Secretary."

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The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in Account with the Trustees of the Masonic Loans.			
1816.			
March			
1.	To Cash paid for Seven Shares of the Masonic Loan for the Sinking Fund a \$100		\$700.
June			
25.	To Cash paid for 3 Shares of Masonic Loan for the Sinking Fund a \$100 . .		\$300.
Aug.			
7.	To Cash paid for \$730.62 of 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent. Stock of the U. S. for the Sinking Fund a 96 $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent		\$701.34
June			
25.	By Cash rec'd of the G. Treas. on order of the G. Master		\$258.66
"	By ditto rec'd 3 Months dividend on \$2757 U. S. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent. stock, due 1 st April		41.34
			<u>\$300.</u>
Aug.			
7.	By Cash rec'd of the G. Treas. on order of the G. Master		\$500.
"	By ditto rec'd 3 Months Interest on \$2757 of U. S. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent. Stock, due 1 st July		41.34
"	By ditto rec'd 6 Months dividend on 40 Shares of Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank Stock, due 1 st July		100.
Oct.			
19.	By ditto rec'd 6 Months Interest on 20 Shares of Masonic Loan, due 1 st July.		60.
			<u>\$701.34</u>

The Sinking Fund now consists of the following Stock, viz :

40 Shares Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank Stock and Dividends thereon from 1st July, 1816.

20 Shares of Masonic Loan and Interest thereon from 1st July, 1816.

\$3487.62 of Six per Cent. Stock of the United States and Interest thereon from 1st July, 1816.

Philadelphia, 6th January, 1817.

Errors and Omissions Excepted.

(Sign'd)

GEORGE A. BAKER, jun^r.

Secretary Pro Tempore to the Board of Trustees.

The above submitted for the information of the Stockholders of the Masonic Loans.

The Committee appointed on the Complaint of Bro. Bernard McCreedy against Bro. William Wray, made Report which was read and is in the words following, to wit :

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

"The Committee appointed on the Complaint of Brother Bernard McCreedy against Brother William Wray for saying that 'Bro. McCreedy was rejected at Bridgetown, in the State of New Jersey, and imposed on N^o. 115 in this City in his becoming a Mason,' Respectfully Report,

"That after a strict and impartial examination they are satisfied the charge is not correct, as they had sufficient Evidence to satisfy their minds that Bro. McCreedy had never been rejected. The Committee find that a Report was in circulation that Bro. McCreedy had been rejected, which arose from the circumstance of his applying for Initiation to Lodge N^o. 22, held at Port Elizabeth, New Jersey, to which application the Committee appointed to investigate his Character made a favourable Report, but one of the recommenders from a Personal pique declared, that he would black-ball him if an Election was gone into, upon which the other recommender arose and applied for permission to withdraw the Petition, which was granted by the Lodge.

"The Committee think it their duty to declare that they
 "do not believe that Bro. Wray acted from malicious and im-
 "proper motives in making the Charge against Bro. McCreedy,
 "but from the information he had received he believed the
 "Report to be true, and believing it to be true, he conceived
 "it his duty to inform the Grand Lodge of it. The Commit-
 "tee therefore offer the following Resolutions for adoption,
 "viz :

"Resolved, That Bro. William Wray is not guilty of malic-
 "iously or intentionally injuring the Character of Bro. Ber-
 "nard McCreedy.

"Resolved, That Bro. Bernard McCreedy is in good stand-
 "ing among his Masonic Brethren, and as such has an un-
 "doubted right to be received as a visitor in the Grand Lodge
 "or any of the Subordinate Lodges.

"All which is respectfully submitted.

"J. P. ZEBLEY, }
 "G. ALCOM, } Committee."

"Philadelphia, 1st January, 1817."

Which Report and Resolution were adopted.

Lodge No. 2, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Re-
 turn of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge No. 3, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Re-
 turn of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge No. 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Re-
 turn of Members, containing the rejection of B—
 McC— and the Suspension of H— C—, J—
 McK—, D— J—, W— T—, P— McC—,
 W— D—, A— R—, J— D— and S—
 W. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge No. 43, held at Lancaster. Election Return. Return
 of Members, containing the Suspension of P— B—
 and Expulsion of C— N—. Account of Grand Lodge
 dues.

Lodge No. 51, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Re-
 turn of Members. Return of Past Masters. Account of
 Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members, containing the Suspension of A—— B——, J—— E——, P—— W—— and J—— S——.

Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 61, held at Wilkesbarre. Election Return.

Lodge N^o 62, held at Reading. Election Return.

Lodge N^o 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N^o 69, held at Chester. Election Return.

Lodge N^o 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of D—— T——, J—— M. B—— and T—— W——. Return of Past Masters. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 75, held in Charlestown Township, Chester County. Election Return. Return of Members, containing the Expulsion of E—— B——. Account of Grand Lodge dues, also a Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N^o 81, held at Germantown. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 91, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members, containing the reinstatement of Hugh Shannon. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 94, held at New Hope, Bucks County. Election Return. Return of Members, containing the Expulsion of U—— W——, J—— E——, jun^r. J—— N——, J—— B——, R—— N—— and H—— C. S——. Account of Grand Lodge dues, also a Letter Dated 24th Decem^r. 1816, apologizing for non-payment of dues, &c.

Lodge N^o 104, held at Leacock Township, Lancaster County. Return of Members, containing the Expulsion of W—— L—— "for wilfully wronging two of the Brethren of this Lodge," also the Suspension of S—— P. W——.

Lodge N^o 114, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members, containing the rejection of W—— B. A—— and W—— D——, and the Expulsion of G—— C—— and P—— B——. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 115, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 121, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N^o 125, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members, containing the Expulsion of G. F. S——. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 126, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 127, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members, containing the reinstatement of A—— C——. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 128, held at Philadelphia. A Copy of Amendments to the Bye Laws of said Lodge were received and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N^o 131, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members, containing the Expulsion of T—— L—— and J—— C——, for non payment of dues. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 134, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 135, held at Roxborough, Phil^a. County. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 139, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members.

Lodge N^o 143, held at Chambersburg. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues. Return to Dispensation for constituting said Lodge, whereby it appears that the same was duly constituted on the 23rd day of April last.

A Petition and remonstrance was received and read from Brother Sheldon Ball, a Member of Wayne Lodge, N^o 124, held at Erie, Complaining against certain proceedings of the said Lodge, and appealing to the Grand Lodge to redress his grievances. Which was ordered to be laid on the Table.

A Letter was received and read from the W. M. of Lodge N^o 124 on the above Subject, which was also ordered to be laid on the Table, and

On Motion made and Seconded,

The Grand Secretary was directed to write to Bro. Ball and inform him that the Grand Lodge could not interfere in the proceedings of Lodge N^o. 124 in his case, until the Lodge had made a final decision on the Subject.

A Communication from a Committee appointed by R. A. Chapter, N^o. 70, held under the Sanction of Lodge N^o. 70, at Tioga Point, dated 6th August, 1816, was received and read. It stated among other things the great difficulties and inconveniences they experienced in carrying on the work of Arch Masonry by not possessing the power of Passing Brethren to the Chair without a Special Dispensation from the Grand Master for the purpose, as their distance from the Grand Lodge, but it is out of the question to apply for Special Dispersations, and that they must give up their work and lose the expense of their apparatus for the R. A. Degree unless they could obtain some relief from the Grand Lodge.

On Motion made and Seconded, the above Communication was referred to Bro^{rs}. Newcomb, Ja^s. Harper, jun^r. Randall, Keatting and Bache to examine and make report.

The Resolution limiting the Emoluments of the Grand Secretary, laid on the Table on the 16th December last was called up for consideration and adopted.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the said resolution take effect from St^h John the Evangelist's Day last past.

The Resolution relative to the establishment of a Masonic Library, laid on the Table on the 7th October last, was called up for consideration, and amended and adopted.

The Resolution as amended and adopted is as follows, to wit :

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to devise the best means of Establishing a Masonic Library for the use of the members of this Grand Lodge, and to report thereon ; and that the Committee be instructed to select from the Books and Papers in the Office of the Grand Secretary, such Documents as they may think proper for the use of the said Library.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Bro^{rs}. Newcomb, Randall and Dahlgreen a Committee for the above purpose.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Bro. Bernard Dahlgreen to fill the vacancy occasioned, in the Committee on the Subject of the Ahiman Rezon, by the decease of Bro^r. Baker.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half past Nine o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER, jun^r.
Grand Secretary, Pro Tempore.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 8th March, A. D. 1817, A. L. 5817.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. WALTER KERR, R. W. Grand Master.

- " Bayse Newcomb, jun^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- " Joseph Barnes, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- " Thomas Elliott, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- " George A. Baker, jun^r. R. W. Grand Secretary, Pro Tempore.
- " Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
- " John L. Baker, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.
- " Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " Randall Hutchinson, Junior Grand Deacon.
- " Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.
- " Peter Benner, Grand Marshal, P. T.
- " Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
- " Israel Israel, R. W. Past Grand Master.
- " Richard Tybout, R. W. Past Grand Master.
- " Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Past Grand Master.
- " Joseph Burden, R. W. Past Senior Grand Warden.
- " Thomas Armstrong, R. W. Past Junior Grand Warden.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 50, 51, 52, 59, 62, 67, 71, 72, 73, 75, 83, 84, 91, 92, 100, 103, 114, 115, 121, 125, 124, 126, 127, 128, 130, 181, 182, 183, 184, 129 and 141 represented.

Thirty Seven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication, and of the Meetings held since that time, were read and approved.

The R. W. Grand Master arose and delivered an address to the Brethren.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, Unanimously, That the Thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge be presented to the R. W. Grand Master for the address just delivered by him, and that he be requested to furnish a Copy to be entered on the Minutes, and to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

The address is as follows, to wit:

"R^t W. Past Grand Officers, Grand Officers and Members
"of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, &c., &c., &c.

"At the time when the Grand Lodge had a right to expect
"an address from this seat, You are well acquainted with
"the circumstances which prevented me from performing that
"duty. It is not so much in compliance with the example
"heretofore set me, as from a sense of duty, that I now pre-
"sume to trespass on your patience for a few moments. Con-
"vinced as I am of the importance that this respectable body
"should be informed from time to time of those acts which do
"not come immediately before them, It would not have com-
"ported well with the dignified station you have conferred
"upon me, to conceal any information which would be inter-
"esting. At the same time, I would guard against an abuse
"of this custom, by taxing your patience in listening to any
"thing irrelevant, and not immediately connected with the
"business of the Institution.

"Since I came into Office, it has been my business person-
"ally to visit the subordinate Lodges within the City, Where
"from immediate observation, It has been my power to form
"a better Idea of their real condition than could have been
"obtained in any other way. By working with the members
"of the several Lodges, and familiarly conversing on the
"Mysteries of the Craft, I have been enabled to adapt my
"advice to their respective circumstances. Let it not how-
"ever be supposed, that by adopting this mode I have in-

“tended to convey the insinuation that the former mode of visitation was improper; so far from this, had not other circumstances prevented, I should in company with the Grand Officers, in addition to my private visitations, have followed the usual custom. The principal reason why I did not, was the knowledge that these visitations are attended with considerable expense, and that some of the Lodges were at present using every means that frugality could point out to meet their ordinary expences. It affords me great pleasure to inform the Grand Lodge that wherever I have been, with very few exceptions, I have found the Members of the different Lodges well informed, and desirous to establish the Character of their Association upon the firm and unshaken basis of Charity and Love. The nature of our social compact and the active duties incumbent on its Members, appear to have been well understood and to have given vigour to the exertions of our brethren, who have appeared to vie with each other in the laudable ambition of doing good. In the Country many new Lodges have been warranted, and those heretofore established, from the best information we have obtained, are in a flourishing condition. Throughout the United States, and in the Eastern Hemisphere our ancient order maintains its respectability. During the last year the Sum of Seventeen hundred dollars has been appropriated to the sinking fund, designed to cancel the debt incurred in raising this house. The Accounts have lately been laid before you by the R. W. Grand Secretary. There can be no doubt, should it please our heavenly Father to continue his gracious protection to our benevolent Institution, We shall be able on or before the period for the payment of Our debt, to meet our engagements with the public, and afterwards have under our own controul a large annual income for the education and maintenance of the Children of our indigent brethren and for other charitable purposes.

“When I first took this Chair I promised to keep strictly to our ancient land marks, use industry, and pay every attention to the duties of my office which lay in my power. As far as I was capable these duties have been performed, and

"I feel very grateful to the Members of the Craft generally, and to the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge in particular, for their assistance in enabling me with so little trouble to perform those duties.

"From the Harmony which has prevailed the whole body of masonry, We have reason to anticipate the future prospect of all our Lodges. The great obligations incumbent on us as Members of Society, but more especially as brethren, to the exercise of mutual Love and forbearance, have appeared to have their proper weight on the minds of the whole fraternity. The genuine result of the amiable and compassionate principles of our Institution to exalt and dignify human nature, to bring into subjection every evil passion, to suppress enmity and dissention, and promote love, peace and harmony, appears to have been experienced in a greater or lesser degree by every member of our extensive body.

"That branch of Charity which consists in the relief of the necessities of the Poor has not been neglected, altho' our means, while the debt upon this building remains unpaid, will be far short of answering the several demands made upon us, or of satisfying our desire of usefulness. We are often prevented from indulging the high gratification of binding up the wounds, soothing the distresses or alleviating the wants of our fellow creatures because we want the means. This State of things we trust will not long continue; when free from debt, we will be free in the indulgence of that tender sympathy which 'teaches us to feel another's woe.' But while on this subject, permit me to add even the indulgence of compassion and tenderness should be restrained within proper bounds, and directed by suitable rules. It is not the Charity of the Gospel, or of masonry, to lavish favours upon the undeserving. Idleness and extravagance are not the objects upon which to exercise this virtue, the vagrant or the voluptuary have not equal claim upon our liberality. The objects deserving our attention are the virtuous and industrious, who by the wise providence of God are reduced to want; and who have or ought to expect from the abundance of their brethren relief proportionate to their distresses.

"You will no doubt expect me to take notice of an event which has occurred deeply interesting to every member of this Grand Lodge, and a source of unfeigned sorrow to all the brotherhood. I refer to the Death of our R. W. Grand Secretary, Brother George A. Baker ; his exemplary life and eminent services as a Brother, could not fail to impress our minds with a just sense of the loss we sustained. I regret for myself that I was prevented from joining you in the last services attending his interment, but I rejoice to think that the honors of our venerable order were paid to a man so worthy. May we imitate his virtues, and like him ever be found faithful in the duties imposed upon us by the relations we bear to each other. I have long thought that the Interest of the fraternity might be advanced by a step which I am now about to propose for the consideration of the Grand Lodge. I mean the appointment of Provincial or District Grand Masters ; these officers are not new, and the experience of other Grand Lodges would seem to justify us in adopting a measure which would be of essential service in this state. These Officers residing in different parts of the Country, will be enabled to perform many services, which for the want of them, now either remain undone, or subject the country Lodges to great expense, to procure to be done. It cannot be expected that the Grand Officers residing in this City will be able to visit the remote Lodges, at least not so often, or at the time when their services would be most acceptable. I would leave this subject before you and request of the members to give it due consideration. It appears to me important. Perhaps, however, some of you my brethren will be able to see some objections which have not presented themselves to my mind.

"That we may proceed to discharge our several trusts with an unshaken determination to maintain the Character of this respectable institution, and promote as far as may be, the great objects of Masonry, is the sincere desire of the Grand Master. And may the great Architect of the universe direct by his Spirit the workmen in their several departments, that in the end, it may be found we have erected an imperishable Temple with this Inscription, ' Holiness to the Lord.'"

A Commission duly executed bearing date the 25th December, 1816, from Lodge N^o. 147, appointing Bro. Lambert Keatting, Proxy, to represent said Lodge in the Grand Lodge was received and read. Whereupon, Bro. Keatting was recognized as Proxy.

On Motion made and Seconded,

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the Election of a Grand Secretary, when George A. Baker was duly Elected and Installed into that Office.

The Grand Master arose and stated that Bro. William Adcock, a R. W. Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge was dead, and that his Funeral was to take place to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, be requested to give such directions as he may judge to be expedient, respecting the masonic honours to be paid at the funeral of Brother William Adcock, a R. W. Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Jewells of the Grand Lodge be put in mourning for the space of Three Months, as a testimony of respect for the memory of our deceased Bro. William Adcock, Esquire, R. W. P. Grand Master.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of vesting Fifty Guineas in a Dispensary, made Report which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"The Committee appointed to investigate the propriety of investing the Money formerly invested in the Philadelphia Dispensary, and lately offered to be returned, are of opinion that the Sum when received by the Treasurer should be paid to the Treasurer of the Sinking fund, to be applied to the purpose of reducing the Debt of this Grand Lodge.

"Philadelphia, Feb^y 3, 1817.

(Sign'd)

"SAM^l. F. BRADFORD,

"RICH^d. TYBOUT,

"JOS. BARNES,

} Committee."

Which was adopted.

The following Resolution was offered and laid on the Table.

Resolved, That in future and until the existing Debt of the Grand Lodge shall have been discharged, no funeral procession be granted by this Grand Lodge, except the expenses attending the same be defrayed by the relatives or friends of the deceased.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday the 17th Instant, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER, late Junior,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 17th March, A. D. 1817, A. L. 5817.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

BRO. WALTER KERR, R. W. Grand Master.

- " Bayse Newcomb, jun^r, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- " Joseph Barnes, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- " Thomas Elliott, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
- " Josiah Randall, Grand Secretary, P. T.
- " Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " Charles Schneider, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " Henry Riesch, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
- " James Harper, jun^r, Grand Marshal.
- " Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
- " Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Past Grand Master.
- " Richard Bache, R. W. Past Junior Grand Warden.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 75, 91, 103, 113, 114, 115, 121, 126, 124, 127, 130, 131, 139, 141 and 147 represented.

Twenty Six Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample Form at Six o'clock in the Evening.

A Petition from divers Ancient York Master Masons, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge at Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, was received and read. The Petition being unaccompanied by Certificates of the Brethren having withdrawn from the Lodges in which they had respectively been made, the Petition was laid on the Table and the Grand Secretary was directed to write to the Petitioners to request them to transmit the necessary Certificates.

A Letter was received and read from Brother Sheldon Ball, requesting leave to withdraw his complaint against Lodge N^o 124. Which request was granted.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the conduct of Brother Peter Duler relative to funds and communications transmitted to him by Lodge N^o 103, at the Havanna, for this Grand Lodge, made report which was read and is as follows, to wit :

“To the R. W. G. Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging :

“Your Committee appointed to inquire into the conduct of Brother Peter Duler, relative to funds and Communications transmitted to him for this Grand Lodge, by Lodge N^o 103, at the Havanna, most respectfully represent that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and after a fair investigation, Report,

“That Brother Duler without hesitation delivered to Your Committee the documents mentioned in the Communication of said Lodge, Viz : The Petition to the Grand R. A. Chapter of Pennsylvania, and the Return of Members of Lodge N^o 103, and account of Grand Lodge dues up to the 25th December, 1815, marked on the Envelope 2^d. The same are now transmitted to the Grand Lodge by your Committee, the one part in the Envelopes said to be received.

“Brother P. Duler acknowledges a balance due the said Lodge of 36 $\frac{5}{8}$ Dollars, as stated by them, Subject to a demand of 14 Dollars, ‘an acknowledgment of which he has from Juan de Echeverria,’ for balance of a Seal furnished the late Master of said Lodge. Also, One hundred Dollars,

“received for a bill on I. B. Longfosse, to be appropriated by
“him to the establishment of a Royal Arch Chapter only, as
“will appear more fully by the translation of an extract from
“a Letter addressed to him by Jose Maria Canalso, W. M. of
“Lodge N^o 103, dated the 22nd June, 1815, Which is as fol-
“lows, Viz :

“Have you taken any steps towards the establishment of
“the Royal Arch Chapter? I enclose you a Petition request-
“ing the Constitution of the Royal Arch Chapter in due form.
“Moreover, Ferage and Siberio are members of this R. L.,
“Royal Lodge or respectable Lodge, One a full member, the
“other an honorary one. Inclosed you will find a Bill of Ex-
“change for One hundred Dollars, drawn at fifteen days sight
“by Dⁿ Pedro Echeverria on Dⁿ Juan B^t Longfosse of your
“City, payable to you, or to your order, and to be placed to
“the account of the R. L. or whatever may be relative to the
“chapter. In this particular we can calculate upon your ex-
“ertions to obtain this desirable object.”

“From the foregoing extract it appears that the One Hun-
“dred Dollars was remitted to B^r P. Duler for the sole pur-
“pose of establishing a Royal Arch Chapter, and could not by
“him be properly apply'd to any other purpose, and particu-
“larly as he receiv'd no subsequent directions to apply it
“otherwise.

“On the Subject of the Petition for a Royal Arch Chapter,
“Bro. P. Duler declares that he mentioned it to our much re-
“spected late Grand Secretary, who informed him that Lodge
“N^o 103 had only to establish a Royal Arch Chapter under
“their present Warrant, and proceed and report themselves as
“such to this R. W. Grand Lodge, and that they would be
“recognized as Royal Arch Masons. In consequence of which
“he did not present the Petition, but wrote to them giving
“the information he had received, and further, that the One
“hundred Dollars remitted him, was not sufficient to pur-
“chase the necessary Jewells and decorations, and that it
“would be necessary to remit him more money for that pur-
“pose. And from that period he has had no communication
“from Lodge N^o 103. He declares further that the Return

“of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues were received
 “inclosed in a blank Sheet without any instructions. The
 “account of Grand Lodge dues amounting to 51 $\frac{1}{4}$ Dol-
 “lars, and he only having 22 $\frac{5}{10}$ Dollars (after deducting the
 “14 dollars due on the Seal), he did not deem it proper to
 “pay that sum on Account, it being a small proportion of the
 “amount due.

“It now being made known to him, that the One hundred
 “Dollars and the balance of the former remittance of Lodge
 “N^o. 103 remaining with him, was to be paid over to this
 “Grand Lodge or to the Proxy of N^o. 103, He, Br. Duler, at
 “a time appointed by your Committee, promptly waited upon
 “Brother Grand Treasurer, (who is proxy of Lodge N^o. 103),
 “and paid him in full.

“Your Committee cannot refrain from stating, that the
 “whole of Brother Peter Duler’s conduct on this occasion was
 “that of a Man of Honor and a Gentleman, and mark’d with
 “a due sense of the Dignity and Honour of this Right Wor-
 “shipful Grand Lodge.

“From the foregoing statement your Committee are of
 “opinion that Brother Peter Duler is not chargeable with im-
 “proper or unmasonic conduct, but that the misunderstand-
 “ing existing between him and the Brethren of Lodge N^o. 103
 “has originated in error on the part of said Lodge by their
 “not adverting to the manner in which Br. Canalijo had re-
 “mitted the One hundred Dollars to Br. Duler, and therefore
 “offer the following :

“Resolved, that this R. W. Grand Lodge do acquit Br. P.
 “Duler from any charge of improperly withholding Commu-
 “nications and funds transmitted to him for this Grand Lodge.

“Resolved, that a Copy of this Report and Resolutions be
 “transmitted to Lodge N^o. 103, at the Havanna.

“Philadelphia, February 28th, 1817.

(Sign’d)

“MICHAEL NISBET.

“ISAAC LEVIS.

“HENRY Y. CARTER.”

Which Report and Resolution were adopted.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That Brother Duler be furnished with a Copy of the foregoing Report and Resolution.

Whereas, in the Communication lately made to this Grand Lodge, by Lodge N^o 103, at the Havanna, they state that Brother Peter Duler was their Proxy,

Resolved, That Brother Grand Secretary inform said Lodge that this Grand Lodge never received from said Lodge any document appointing him as such.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of George Helmbold and the Memorial of the Officers and Members of Lodge N^o 127, praying the Grand Lodge to sanction the reinstatement of George Helmbold in said Lodge made Report, which was read, and on the question, "Shall this Report be accepted?" It was decided in the negative.

The Committee appointed to make enquiry into the conduct of Bro^r Stinger and Vanderslice, in visiting the spurious Lodge held in this City, made Report which was read, amended and adopted, and is in the words following, to wit:

"To the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee appointed to make enquiry into the conduct of John Stinger and Joseph H. Vanderslice in visiting "the Spurious Lodge held in the City of Philadelphia,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have attended to the duty assigned them and "find that Brothers Stinger and Vanderslice have on one or "two occasions visited the spurious Lodge; in justification of "their conduct, however, they solemnly declare and it appeared to Your Committee, that they did not go to the spurious Lodge with any desire of becoming Members, or of giving it any countenance whatever. That having understood "that two Members of N^o 139 were in the practice of visiting "the spurious Lodge, they in company with Brothers Kunitz "and Speel went there for the purpose of detecting those "Members, and of exposing their improper conduct. That "on their going into said Lodge, not finding the person they "expected to meet there, they immediately withdrew and "never was there at the making, passing or raising of any "one, or at the opening or closing of the Lodge.

"Your Committee, whilst they disapprove the conduct of
"Brothers Stinger and Vanderslice in going under any pretext
"whatever to said Spurious Lodge, yet as they appear con-
"vinced of their error, and sorry for their conduct, declaring
"that what they did was intended for the good of the Craft,
"and with a view to break up a nest of imposters, have agreed
"to recommend them to the mercy of the Grand Lodge, and
"beg leave to offer the following Resolution :

"Resolved, That the conduct of Brothers John Stinger and
"Joseph H. Vanderslice in visiting the spurious Lodge is
"highly censurable, yet as their motives, altho' unjustifiable,
"do not appear to have been corrupt, therefore, Resolved,
"that the Committee be discharged from any further consid-
"eration of this case.

(Sign'd)

"JOSEPH R. HOPKINS.

"ROB. GRANT.

"JOHN H. LEMMON."

The Committee appointed to devise and report the best means of establishing a Masonic Library made report, which was read, amended and adopted as amended, and is in the words following, to wit :

"To the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania :

"The undersigned, two of the Committee appointed to de-
"vise and report the best means of establishing a Masonic
"Library for the use of the Members of the Grand Lodge,

"Respectfully report, That they have attended to the duty
"assigned them and offer for the consideration and approba-
"tion of the Grand Lodge the following resolutions, viz :

"1. Resolved, That a Masonic Library shall be established
"for the use of the members of this Grand Lodge, and that
"the small room adjoining the Tyler's Room shall be appro-
"priated for that purpose.

"2. Resolved, That a standing Committee of three Mem-
"bers shall be appointed annually to be styled the Library
"Committee, whose duty it shall be to superintend the
"Library and who shall have power to make any rules and
"regulations respecting it which they may deem necessary,
"subject to the approbation of this Grand Lodge.

- Bro. George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
“ Joseph Worrell, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
“ William Delany, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.
“ Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
“ Thomas Burrows, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
“ Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.
“ James Harper, jun^r, Grand Marshal.
“ Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 114, 115, 121, 126, 127, 128, 180, 181, 189, 141 and 147 represented.

Twenty Three Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form, (The R. W. Deputy Grand Master being in the Chair), at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The Petition from sundry Brethren at Allentown, laid on the Table on the 17th Ultimo, was taken up for consideration and read.

The Petition set forth that the Petitioners were all Ancient York Master Masons, and had regularly obtained discharges from the Lodges in which they had been made. They prayed that the Grand Lodge would grant them a Warrant to hold a Lodge at Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, to be named the “Jordan Lodge,” and that Brother Charles L. Hutter might be named the First W. Master; Brother Jonas Barnet the First Senior Warden, and Brother Christian Brobst the First Junior Warden of the same. Certificates that the Petitioners were all A. Y. M. M. in good standing, and had regularly withdrawn from the respective Lodge in which they were made were produced and read, and the Petition being now recommended agreeably to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 151.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 75, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylv^a :

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred for examination the Bye Laws of Phoenix Lodge, N^o. 75, held at the House of John Morgan, in Charles township, Chester County,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they approve of the same with the following alterations and Amendments, Viz :

"In Article 2nd, line Second, after the words 'St. John,' insert the 'Evangelists.'

"In Article 3rd, Strike out all this Article after the figure Three in the first line and insert the following :

"Any Person being desirous to become a Mason and Member of this Lodge shall read the Bye Laws, and if he approves them shall Petition the Lodge for that purpose, which Petition shall contain his name, age, occupation and place of abode, and be recommended by at least two Members who are Master Masons, And in case the applicant is a Mason applying for Membership, his recommenders must vouch for his being an ancient York Mason, and specify the Degree he has arrived to in Masonry, upon which said Application the Master with the consent of the Members present shall appoint a Committee of Three Master Masons, (from which the Recommenders shall be excluded,) to enquire into his Character, &c., as the rules of Masonry require, who, or a majority of whom shall report in writing on the next stated meeting, if in their power so to do, and if such report be favourable, and his Petition has been preferred one Month previously, he shall be ballotted for, and if one black ball appear against him he shall be ballotted for a second time. If a black ball appear against him a second time he cannot be admitted and no reasons assigned. But if the ballott shall be declared unanimous he shall be admitted a Member, if the application is for membership only, and if for Initiation and Membership he shall be Initiated and admitted a Member on complying with the terms and conditions contained in Article 4. All Persons applying for Initiation, &c., by a

"Dispensation from the Grand Lodge are excepted out of this Article.

"In Article 7, line first, strike out the word 'Sojourner' between the Letter 'A' and the word 'having' and insert 'Member.'

"And recommend that they be adopted as altered and amended.

"All which is respectfully submitted.

"Phil^a, March 3rd, 1817.

(Sign'd)	"GEORGE A. BAKER, jun ^r ,"	} Committee."
	"NATH ⁿ . R. POTTS,	
	"THOMAS S. MANNING,	

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Amendments to the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 128, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred for Examination the amendments to the Bye Laws of Temple Lodge, N^o 128,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have duly considered the same and recommend that they be adopted with the following alteration, viz :

"In article Second, second line, after the words 'St John,' insert 'the Evangelists.'

"All which is respectfully submitted.

"Philadelphia, February 26th, 1817.

(Sign'd)	"NATH ⁿ . R. POTTS,	} Committee."
	"GEORGE A. BAKER, jun ^r ,"	
	"THOMAS S. MANNING,	

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 141, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 141,

"Respectfully Report, That they have carefully examined
"the same and recommend that they be adopted.

"Philadelphia, Decem^r. 17, 1816.

(Sign'd)	"GEORGE A. BAKER, jun ^r ,"	} Committee."
	"NATH ^r . R. POTTS,	
	"RICH ^d . BACHE,	

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report and accompanying documents on the Complaint of Robert Findley against James M. Riddle, to make a digest thereof and report the same, made report which was read and is as follows, viz :

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

"The Committee to whom were referred the Report and accompanying documents on the Complaint of Bro. Robert Findley against Bro. James Riddle, to make a Digest thereof and Report the same,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have attended to the duty assigned them,
"that the evidence appears to have been taken with fairness
"by Brothers Armstrong and Keller upon notice to all parties
"and discloses a scene highly disreputable to Brothers Findley and Riddle. They appear to have disregarded those
"Masonic duties, a breach of which is usually attended with
"the severest penalties that this Grand Lodge can inflict. It
"appearing, however, that Brother Findley had withdrawn
"from the Lodge before his complaint against Brother Riddle
"was made, and Your Committee, Understanding that
"Brother Riddle has since been permitted to withdraw, and
"has attached himself to Lodge N^o. 113, They have therefore
"thought it best to recommend to the Grand Lodge not to act
"definitively in the case, but to refer the same back to Lodge
"N^o. 84, with directions if they should wish to pursue the subject further, to complain against Brother Riddle to the Lodge
"of which he is now a Member, and if Brother Findley is not
"a Member of any Lodge, to forward to the Grand Lodge
"Specific Charges against him, giving him notice of such
"charges. Your Committee therefore respectfully offer for

"the consideration and approbation of the Grand Lodge the following Resolutions, Viz :

"Resolved, That the Complaint of Bro. Findley against Bro. Riddle be referred to Lodge N^o. 84, and that if said Lodge wish to pursue the subject further, complaint may be made against him to the Lodge of which he is now a Member.

"Resolved, That if Lodge N^o. 84 think fit, they may forward to the Grand Lodge Specific charges against Bro. Findley, giving him notice thereof, provided he be not at present a Member of any Lodge under this Jurisdiction, but if he be a Member of any such Lodge, complaint may be made to the Lodge to which he belongs.

"All which is respectfully submitted.

"Phila., April 7, 1817.

(Sign'd)

"B. NEWCOMB, } Committee."
"J. RANDALL, }

Which Report and Resolutions were adopted.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, containing their proceedings for 1816, Which was ordered to be filed. Also a Communication dated the 25th February, 1817, from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was received and read. It stated that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts had understood that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was under an impression that they had granted a Warrant to the African Lodge in Philadelphia, which was the reason that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had ceased to correspond with them. They declared that they had never granted a Charter to any Black Masons, nor did they countenance visits to the African Lodge. They further stated that they had been informed that the Charter of the African Lodge had been obtained from the Grand Lodge of England about the close of the American Revolution, and that they hoped for a renewal of that friendly intercourse and brotherly love which among members of the same numerous family should ever prevail. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the said Communication be referred to the Committee of Correspondence to answer.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, containing an Account of their proceedings for the Year 1816. Which was ordered to be filed.

A Communication dated 21 January, 5817, was received and read from Lodge N^o 3, held at Philadelphia, communicating the expulsion of A—— H——.

Lodge N^o 19, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of W—— M^cG——, and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 59, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 61, held at Wilkesbarre. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 67, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

A Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 72, held at Philadelphia, was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication dated February 1, 1817, was received and read from Lodge N^o 75, held at Charles township, Chester County, Communicating the expulsion of G—— S——.

Lodge N^o 103, held at the Havanna. Election Return. Return of Members, containing the rejection of A—— B——, L—— A—— G——, A—— E—— de C—— and B—— J—— de C——. Account of G. L. dues to June, 1816, and Dec^r. 1816. Also, a Communication dated 29th Jan^y. 1817, which was read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence. A Communication dated 20th March, 1817, was received and read from Lodge N^o 114, held at Philadelphia, communicating the expulsion of S—— C——, H—— M^cA—— and D—— K——.

Lodge N^o 121, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of J—— R——, jun^r. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 128, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members, containing the rejection of T—— M^cG——. Account of G. L. dues.

Lodge N^o 128, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members, and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

A Petition was received and read from Lodge N^o 132, held in Brandywine Township, Chester County, praying the Grand Lodge to grant them Liberty to appoint an earlier hour of Meeting than is provided for by the Constitution, say 4 o'clock, P. M.

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petition be granted, and that the Lodge have permission to hold its meetings at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Lodge N^o 137, held at Bedford. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 139, held at Philadelphia. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 141, held at Halifax, Dauphin County. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues. Also, a Letter dated 22nd Feb^y 1817, which was read and ordered to be filed.

Lodge N^o 147, held at Bethany, Wayne County. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues. Also, a Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

A Communication was received and read from Ohio Lodge, N^o 113, held at Pittsburgh, and is in the words following, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

“The undersigned members of Ohio Lodge, N^o 113, respectfully beg leave to represent,

“That Brother David Logan, late of Lodge N^o 64, held at Greensburgh, under your Jurisdiction, has preferred charges “before ‘Ohio Lodge, N^o 113,’ against Brother James Murray, “also of Lodge N^o 64, for a gross violation of his obligations, “attended with Circumstances highly aggravating his criminality.

“It has also been stated to us, that Brother Logan in the “first instance made Complaint to Lodge N^o 64, of which the

"Parties were both members, and that said Lodge to avoid
"deciding on the subject, adopted the alternative of surrender-
"ing their Warrant.

"The transaction has become the Subject of rumor, and
"‘Ohio Lodge, N^o 113,’ actuated solely by a zeal for the true
"Interests of Masonry, which they conceive are likely to suffer
"by this disgraceful procedure, should it have occurred as
"stated to them and desirous that the demands of Justice
"should not be evaded, Appointed the Subscribers a Commit-
"tee to make the foregoing statement to Your R. W. body,
"and to request That a Special commission may issue to such
"persons as in your wisdom may seem fit, authorizing them
"to enquire into, hear and determine the truth of said Charges,
"and submit their decision thereon to your inspection and
"determination.

"Pittsburgh, 24th March, 1817.

"MAQ. M. MURRAY,	} Committee."
"E. J. ROBERTS,	
"CHARLES WILKINS, ju.,	

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the said Communication be referred to a
Committee of Three to enquire and make Report.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers
Samuel Douglass, of N^o 45, Henry Baldwin, of N^o 113, and
William Hamilton, of 145, a Committee for the above purpose.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into
the expediency of establishing an uniform mode of admission
of Visitors at the subordinate Lodges, for the government of all
the subordinate Lodges holding of and acting under the
authority of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers
Elliott, Ja^s Harper, jun^r and Kittera, a Committee for the
above purpose.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into
the circumstances under which John Smith, druggist, was re-

jected in Lodge N^o. 19, and subsequently by Dispensation Entered, Passed and Raised in Lodge N^o. 127, and Report thereon to this Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bro^{rs}. Randall, Bunker, Keatting, M. Nisbet and Zibley, a Committee for the above purpose.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the propriety of some of the existing Bye Laws of the Subordinate Lodges, which empowers them to request well known Master Masons to withdraw at their discretion.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bro^{rs}. Joseph Barnes, Michael Nisbet and N. R. Potts, a Committee for the above purpose.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, 18th May, A. D. 1817, A. L. 5817.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Special Communication.

Present :

Bro. WALTER KERR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

- " Bayse Newcomb, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- " Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- " Thomas Elliott, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " Anthony Lafitte, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.
- " Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " Thomas Burrows, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " James Harper, ju^r. Grand Marshal.
- " Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 45, 52, 67, 71, 72, 118, 114, 115, 122, 124, 127, 134, 139, 141 and 147 represented.

Seventeen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that he had convened the Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying before them an application which he had received for a New Warrant.

A Petition from divers Ancient York Master Masons was then read, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the Borough of Easton, in the County of Northampton, in the State of Pennsylvania, to be named "Easton Lodge," and that Bro. Christian J. Hutter might be named the First W. Master; Bro. George Wolf the First Senior Warden, and Bro. John Erb, the First Junior Warden of the same.

Which Petition being duly recommended agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that Bro. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 152.

A Petition addressed to the R. W. Grand Master from Bro. Joseph S. Lewis, Proxy of Lodge N^o 103, held at the Havanna, was read, Setting forth, That he was instructed by the said Lodge to represent to the R. W. Grand Master, that by reason of the great distance of the said Lodge from the Grand Lodge, they laboured under great difficulties and inconveniences in consequence of not possessing power to grant Dispensations in particular cases for Passing Brethren to the Chair, and for Entering, Passing and Raising upon emergency, persons who were desirous of becoming Masons but were about to leave the place, &c., And praying the R. W. Grand Master to take their situation into serious consideration, and if consistent with the rules and principles of the Craft, that he would grant to Bro. Jose Maria Canalejo, W. M. of said Lodge, full power and authority to issue Dispensations for Passing Brethren to the Chair, and also in Cases of emergency for Entering, Passing and Raising Persons to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons in the said Lodge.

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded,

It was Unanimously Resolved, That the R. W. Grand

Master be respectfully requested to consider the peculiar situation and embarrassment of Lodge N^o. 103, and grant them such relief in the Premises as he in his wisdom shall deem proper.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 4 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 2^d June, A. D. 1817, A. L. 5817.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

BRO. WALTER KERR, R. W. Grand Master.

- " Bayse Newcomb, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- " Thomas Pearson, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " Joseph P. Zebly, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " James McAlpin, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
- " Josiah Randall, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.
- " William Mayway, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " Randall Hutchinson, Junior Grand Deacon.
- " Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.
- " James Harper, jun^r, Grand Marshal.
- " Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 84, 100, 113, 114, 115, 121, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139, 141, 147 and 91 represented.

Twenty Nine Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication and of the Meeting held since that time were read and approved.

The following Resolution was moved and Seconded, and ordered to be laid on the Table.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge reconsider the adoption

of the Report of the Committee, to whom was referred the Report and accompanying documents on the Complaint of Brother Robert Findley against Brother James M. Riddle, to make a digest thereof and report the same.

The Grand Officers who were appointed a Committee on the 17th March last, on the Letter of Victor Guillou, offering to Rent the lower parts of the New Hall for a further time after the expiration of the Lease under which he held the same at that Time with full power to act in the Premises, Reported, That they had let the same to M^r. Guillou for one year from the First day of May last, for the Rent of Twelve Hundred Dollars, to be paid in quarterly payments, and reserving to this Grand Lodge the same Privileges which had been reserved in his former Lease. That Lease had been duly Executed by the said Grand Officers and by the said Victor Guillou on the 28th April last, and that a Bond in the Sum of Two Thousand Dollars, Conditioned for the payment of the said Rent and performance of Covenants, had been Executed by the said Victor Guillou and his Security, Anthony Laussat. And which said Lease and Bond were presented by the Committee and approved of.

A Petition from sundry Brethren praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge at Danville, in Columbia County, was received and read.

The Petition being unaccompanied by Certificates that the Petitioners were Master Masons and had regularly withdrawn from the Lodges in which they had been made, On Motion made and Seconded, the Petition was ordered to be laid on the Table, and the Grand Secretary was directed to write to the Petitioners to request them to transmit the necessary Certificates.

A Communication of the 28th December, 1816, was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Lower Canada. Which was ordered to be filed.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, containing an Account of their proceedings in January, 1817; ordered to be filed.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 72, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylv^a :

"The Committee on Bye Laws Respectfully Report,

"That they have carefully examined the Bye Laws of
"Lodge N^o. 72, held at Philadelphia, and recommend that
"they be adopted with the following amendment, to wit :

"In article 2nd, line 2nd, after the word 'day' insert 'in
"December, annually."

"Philadelphia, 31st May, 1817.

(Sign'd)

"GEORGE A. BAKER,
"NATHⁿ. R. POTTS, } Committee."
"THO^a S. MANNING, }

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws
of Lodge N^o. 147, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penn^a :

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred the
"Bye Laws of 'Freedom Lodge,' N^o. 147, held at Bethany,
"Wayne County, respectfully Report,

"That they have carefully examined the same and recom-
"mend that they be adopted with the following Amendments,
"to wit :

"In Article 7th, line 7th, after the word 'which,' insert 'A
"Committee of Three Master Masons shall be appointed to in-
"vestigate his Character, who shall report the result of their
"enquiry in writing at the next stated meeting, and if favour-
"able, the Candidate may be ballotted for, and if unanimous.'

"In Article 8th, line 3rd, strike out the word 'one,' and in-
"sert 'Two.'

"All which is respectfully submitted.

"Philadelphia, May 31st, 1817.

(Sign'd)

"GEORGE A. BAKER, } Committee."
"NATHⁿ. R. POTTS, }
"THO^a S. MANNING, }

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the Case of John
Smith, (druggist), made report which was read and ordered to
be laid on the Table.

An appeal was received and read from J—— W. H——, appealing from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o 116, held at Marietta, Lancaster County, which was referred to a Committee consisting of Brothers William Hamilton, Nathaniel Lightner and George H. Whitaker, of Lo. N^o 43, to examine and make report.

An Appeal was received and read from T—— W. B——, appealing from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o 67, held at Philadelphia. There being no Evidence before the Grand Lodge that Lodge N^o 67 had been notified of the appeal, it was ordered to be laid on the Table.

Lodge N^o 21, held at Harrisburg. Election Return. Also, an Extract from the Minutes of said Lodge of the 13th November, 1816, was received and read, containing a Resolution passed by the said Lodge in the words following, to wit:

“Resolved, that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be earnestly requested to take such measures as will insure in the subordinate Lodges under its Jurisdiction, an uniform system of working in conformity with the ancient land marks, customs and usages of the order, And that a Brother fully qualified be appointed to deliver Lectures in each of the subordinate Lodges conformably thereto.”

On Motion made and Seconded, the above Resolution of Lodge N^o 21, was referred to a Committee consisting of Brother James Harper, jun^r, Josiah Randall and Michael Nisbet, to inquire and make report.

A Petition was received and read from Bro. Isaac Tussy, jun^r, complaining of certain irregular proceedings of Lodge N^o 50, held at Westchester, which was referred to Bro^r Ja^s Harper, jun^r, Boyd Reilly and Ja^s M^cAlpin, to inquire and make report.

Lodge N^o 59, held at Philadelphia, made a Communication of the suspension, on the 14th of February, 1817, of the following Brethren for Non-payment of dues, viz: J—— B——, J—— G——, W—— H——, T—— K——, E—— K—— and J—— O. M——.

Lodge N^o 67, held at Philadelphia. A Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 67 was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and Report.

Lodge N^o 69, held at Chester. Return of Members, containing suspension of T—— C—— for non-payment of dues. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 81, held at Germantown, communicated the suspension on the 26th April, 1817, of the following Brethren for non-payment of dues, viz: D—— F——, J—— J. S——, P—— T——, S—— D——, G—— H—— and W—— H——.

Lodge N^o 104, held in Leacock Township, Lancaster County. Election Returns for several years.

Lodge N^o 128, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the expulsion on the 29th May, 1817, of N—— A—— and I—— B——, for unmasonic conduct.

Lodge N^o 139, held at Philadelphia. A Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 139 was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and make report.

Lodge N^o 144, held at Milton, Northumberland Co^t. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 151, held at Allentown, Lehigh County. Return to Dispensation for Constituting said Lodge was receiv'd and read, whereby it appeared that the same was duly constituted on the 7th Ultimo.

Lodge N^o 152, held at Easton, Northampton Co^{ty}. Return to Dispensation for constituting said Lodge was received and read, whereby it appeared that the said Lodge was duly constituted on the 26th Ultimo.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be directed to address the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, expressing the regret of this Grand Lodge that the Correspondence between the two Grand Lodges has been suspended, and requesting them to communicate to this Grand Lodge an account of the Union lately formed between the two Grand Lodges heretofore existing in that Country.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge N^o 100, held at Catawissa, appealing from the decision of this R. W. Grand Lodge in the case of Brother Christian Brobst, Which was ordered to be laid on the Table.

And on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to inform Lodge N^o. 100, that there can be no appeal from a decision of this R. W. Grand Lodge, but that the Lodge, if they think fit, may again commence the complaint against Brother Brobst, and proceed as if no proceedings had heretofore taken place.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday the 7th day of July, at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S DAY, Philadelphia, Tuesday, 24th June, A. D. 1817, A. L. 5817.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present :

BRO. WALTER KERR, R. W. Grand Master.

- " Thomas Elliott, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " Richard Bache, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " Peter Benner, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
- " Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " Thomas Burrows, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " James Forsythe, Grand Marshal, P. T.
- " Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 19, 21, 45, 52, 59, 71, 113, 114, 115, 124, 126, 181, 141 and 147 represented.

Sixteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Lodge N^o. 71, held at Philadelphia, Communicated the expulsion of W—— G——, G—— B—— and C—— H——, for non-payment of dues. Also, the rejection of J—— S——

Lodge N^o. 132, held in West Nantmeal Township, Chester County. Election Returns to June and December, 1816.

Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 149, held in the Village of Montrose, Susquehanna County. Return to Dispensation for Constituting said Lodge was receiv'd and read, whereby it appeared that the said Lodge was duly constituted on Wednesday, the 7th day of May last past.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at Eleven o'clock, A. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 7th, A. D. 1817, A. L. 5817.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. WALTER KERR, R. W. Grand Master.

- " Bayse Newcomb, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- " Richard Bache, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " Thomas Pearson, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " William McCorkle, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
- " Samuel P. Wetherill, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.
- " Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " John H. Lemmon, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.
- " John P. Schott, Grand Marshal, P. T.
- " Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
- " Richard Tybout, R. W. Past Grand Master.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 50, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 113, 114, 115, 121, 124, 21, 126, 123, 127, 131, 133, 135, 139, 141 and 147 represented.

Twenty Seven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 8 o'clock in the Evening.

Lodge N^o. 22, held at Sunbury. Election Return. Return of Members, containing the rejection of G—— P——.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 67, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred the Bye Laws of Concordia Lodge, N^o 67, held at Philadelphia,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that they be adopted.

"Philadelphia, July 7th, 1817.

(Sign'd)	"GEORGE A. BAKER, "NATH ⁿ . R. POTTS, "TH ^s S. MANNING,	} Committee."
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Which Report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 139, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred the Bye Laws of Rising Sun Lodge, N^o 139, held at Philadelphia,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that they be adopted.

"Philadelphia, July 7th, 1817.

(Sign'd)	"GEORGE A. BAKER, "NATH. R. POTTS, "T. S. MANNING,	} Committee."
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Which Report was adopted.

The appeal of T—— W. B—— from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o 67, read in Grand Lodge on the 2nd Ultimo and ordered to be laid on the Table, as there was no proof that Lodge N^o 67 had been notified of the appeal, was read again, when it appearing that Lodge N^o 67 had received regular notice of the appeal, it was referred to Brothers M^cAlpin, M^cCorkle and Benner, to examine and make report.

The Committee appointed on the application of the Grand

Royal Arch Chapter requesting this Grand Lodge to grant them power to decide conclusively on the Bye Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Subordinate Chapters, made Report which was read, and after some debate it was on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that all further proceedings on the said Application and Report be indefinitely postponed.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at $\frac{1}{4}$ past Ten o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER.

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 17th, A. D. 1817, A. L. 5817.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Special Communication.

Present :

Bro. WALTER KERR, R. W. Grand Master.

" William McCorkle, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

" Sam^l B. Day, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" John Hutton, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

" Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.

" Joseph P. Zibley, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

" John P. Schott, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

" Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 21, 45, 67, 71, 113, 115, 124, 141 and 147 represented.

Eleven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that he had convened the Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying before them a Petition which he had received, praying for a Warrant to establish a New Lodge.

A Petition from divers Ancient York Master Masons was then read, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the Town of Waynesburgh, in the County of Green, in the Com-

monwealth of Pennsylvania, to be named "Waynesburgh Lodge," and that Brother Thomas Fletcher might be named First Worshipful Master; Brother Rees Hill, the First Senior Warden, and Brother Thomas Layton, the First Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being duly recommended agreeably to the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be numbered 153.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half past Ten o'clock in the Morning.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 2^d September, A. D. 1817, A. L. 5817.
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communi-
cation.

Present :

BRO. WALTER KERR, R. W. Grand Master.

- " Bayse Newcomb, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- " Joseph Barnes, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- " Thomas Elliott, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " William McCorkle, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
- " Josiah Randall, Deputy Grand Secretary.
- " Francis Cooper, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " Issachar Price, Junior Grand Deacon.
- " Peter Benner, Grand Sword Bearer.
- " James Harper, jun^r, Grand Marshal.
- " Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
- " Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Past Grand Master.
- " Joseph Burden, R. W. Past Senior Grand Warden.
- " Richard Bache, R. W. Past Junior Grand Warden.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 8, 9, 19, 21, 45, 50, 51, 52, 59, 62, 67, 71, 72, 100, 118, 114, 121, 124, 126, 127, 180, 181, 185, 189 and 141 represented.

Twenty Six Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication, and of the Meetings held since that time, were read and approved.

A Petition from divers ancient York Master Masons was received and read, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at Brother Stewart's house, one and three quarter miles West of Schuylkill, on the Lancaster Turnpike road, in the Township of Blockley, in the County of Philadelphia, to be called "Lodge West of Schuylkill," and that Brother George Howorth might be named the First Worshipful Master; Brother Stephen P. Barbier, the First Senior Warden, and Brother John George, Junior, the First Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due Form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 154.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of New York, containing an account of their Proceedings, between the 24 June, A. L. 5816 and the 24 June, A. L. 5817, which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication dated Charleston, July 4th, 1817, from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, Ancient York Masons, was received and read, containing the proceedings and articles for the Union of the two Grand Lodges in South Carolina, submitted to the consideration of the subordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, Ancient York Masons, which was referred to a Committee consisting of Brothers James Harper, jun^r, Randall and McCorkle, to examine and make report.

The Committee appointed on the Complaint of Isaac Tussy,

junior, against Lodge N^o 50, held at West Chester, made report which was read and is as follows, to wit :

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania :

"The Committee appointed in the case of Brother Isaac "Tussy, jun^r," against Lodge N^o 50, beg leave to report, That "they have attended to that duty and find that after examining Witnesses and Documents they find that Brother Tussy "is satisfied, that excluding him from the Lodge in May last "was not intended to hurt his feelings, but was a necessary "consequence of the construction of the Building in which "said Lodge holds their meetings. The conduct of the Lodge "in the Case of M^r. Fairlamb, your Committee are of opinion, "was correct ; the W. Master being indisposed, the presiding "officer was unable to decide on such a case, therefore adjourned the Lodge, in order to obtain the W. M. opinion, "and at a subsequent meeting he was unanimously approved. "The resolution of the Grand Lodge respecting a black ball'd "candidate never was communicated to Lodge N^o 50.

(Sign'd)

"JAMES HARPER, jun^r."

"BOYD REILLY."

"J. M^cALPIN."

Which Report was adopted.

A Letter was received and read from Brother Daniel Pearson, of Lodge N^o 19, on the Subject of the part he took in procuring John Smith, Druggist, to be made by Dispensation in N^o 127.

The Report of the Committee in the Case of John Smith, druggist, was taken up for consideration, read, and the First, Second and Third resolutions annexed to said Report were adopted.

Grand Lodge adj'd in Harmony at 11 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday, the 6th day of October next, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 6th, A. D. 1817, A. L. 5817.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. WALTER KERR, Right W. Grand Master.

- " Bayse Newcomb, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- " Thomas Elliott, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " William M^cCorkle, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " Nathan Bunker, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
- " Josiah Randall, D. Grand Secretary, P. T.
- " Peter Benner, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " George Howorth, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " John P. Schott, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
- " James Harper, jun^r, Grand Marshal.
- " Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
- " Joseph Burden, R. W. Past Senior Grand Warden.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 50, 51, 52, 59, 62, 67, 71, 72, 113, 114, 121, 124, 125, 126, 127, 130, 134, 139, 141, 143 and 154 represented.

Twenty Seven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample Form at Six o'clock in the Evening.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Grand Lodge that a Warrant having been granted by this Grand Lodge on the 2nd Ultimo, for holding a Lodge at the house of Brother Stewart on the Lancaster Turnpike road, One and three quarter Miles West of Schuylkill, under the Name of "Lodge West of Schuylkill," N^o. 154, he was pleased on Monday the 15th Ultimo, to call to his assistance his Grand Officers and other Brethren, and opened a Grand Lodge for the purpose of constituting the said New Lodge and Installing the Worshipful Master and other officers, and that the same was done with all due solemnity according to the ancient Customs.

A Statement was received and read from Lodge N^o. 19, relative to the case of John Smith, druggist, who was rejected in said Lodge.

The Report of the Committee in the case of John Smith,

druggist, was again taken up for consideration, read, amended and adopted as amended, and is in the words following, to wit :

“To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

“The Committee appointed to enquire into the case of John Smith, (druggist), and report thereon, beg leave to make the following report :

“That in February last, Brother Daniel Pearson, a Past Master of N^o. 19, asked Brother Boyd Reilly, a Past Master of the same Lodge, to recommend the Petition of John Smith for Initiation ; Brother Reilly declined, but Brother Pearson assuring him that Smith has reformed, he signed the recommendation. The Petition was accordingly received at the Stated Meeting of N^o. 19, in February last, and a Committee appointed thereon to make the usual enquiries. The Committee made a favourable report at the Stated Meeting in March, after having giving Smith some very improper information relative to his Clothes while under preparation. In the meantime Brother Reilly made further enquiries, and being dissatisfied, moved after the Lodge had received the report of the Committee, that the Petitioner should have leave to withdraw his Petition. This motion was opposed by Brother Pearson, who insisted on a ballot. A ballot was taken and one black ball was given, the box went around a second time and there was still one black ball. A Motion was then made that the Member giving the black ball should assign his reasons. Brother Reilly informed the Lodge that their Bye Laws on this subject had been altered, and that according to the Regulations of the Grand Lodge and the present Bye Laws of their own Lodge, they had no right to call upon the Member, and at that time the call was abandoned.

“Between the stated Meetings of N^o. 19, in March and April, Brother Pearson accompanied Smith to the residence of Brother Reilly, to reconcile him to Smith's admission.

“At the stated meeting in April, Brother Pearson moved to reconsider Smith's rejection and it was carried unanimously, a third ballot was tried and one black ball was given. A

"Motion was then made that the Member giving the black ball should assign his reasons. At that time Brother Reilly had not come, and while the Motion was pending, Bro. Day, a Visitor, asked permission to speak which was granted, and he then informed the Master that by the Regulations of the Grand Lodge they had no right to call upon the Member. No answer was given, but the Master put the question and it was carried in the affirmative. The Master then stated that unless the Member gave his reasons the black ball would be of no avail, and was proceeding to direct the Secretary to enter that Smith was approved of, when Brother Edward Price, a Member who had not been present at the stated meeting in February, rose and stated his objections to Smith's Character.

"After these proceedings Brother Reilly came into the Lodge and stated that he had called upon the Grand Secretary for advice in Smith's case, and was told there were two courses: 1st to appeal to the Grand Lodge; 2nd, That the Lodge might receive a New Petition. A New Petition was drawn up and signed by Smith, who had been brought to the Tyler's Room, presented to the Lodge, and a Committee appointed thereon.

"On the next day, being Friday, Bro. Pearson called upon Bro. Van Hook, W. M. of N^o. 134, and told him that Smith's rejection had been reconsidered, and he reinstated in his former standing, but that as the issue of his application to N^o. 19 was both slow and doubtful, that he wished Bro. Van Hook to make him by Dispensation, and asked Bro. Van Hook whether it could be done. He gave it as his opinion that under these circumstances it could be done, but declined himself interfering. Brother Pearson then went to Brother McCollim, the W. M. of N^o. 127, to know if he would make Smith by Dispensation. Bro. McCollim objected because he had been black balled. Bro. Pearson replied the Vote had been reconsidered, Smith reinstated, and a new Committee appointed on a New Petition, and gave Bro. Van Hook as authority that he could be made. Bro. McCollim being somewhat doubtful, Bro. Pearson continued to repeat

"these assertions. Bro. McCollim consulted his officers and Members, One of whom, Bro. King, asked Bro. Pearson if he was sure the last black ball had been reconsidered, as Bro. King had visited N^o. 19 in April, but left the Lodge before it closed. Bro. Pearson again replied it had. The officers of N^o. 127 then went to the Grand Secretary to obtain a Petition for a Dispensation, who declined filling it up after they stated it was for Smith. The Officers of N^o. 127 then left the Grand Secretary to go to the Grand Master. Before they got to the Grand Master, Bro. McCollim met Bro. Day in the Street, and the Conversation commenced relative to Smith. Bro. Day said he had been rejected. Bro. McCollim replied he had been reinstated. Bro. Day said he had not. Bro. McCollim answered he was mistaken, for he had the word of a Past Master for it, and invited him to go to the Grand Master with him and be satisfied; this Bro. Day declined on account of other engagements. The officers of N^o. 127 having repeated the statement of Bro. Pearson to the Grand Master, he enquired if they were sure he had been reinstated; they said they would send for Bro. Pearson, who during this time was waiting the issue of the application. Bro. Pearson being brought, again solemnly repeated his former statements at the suggestion of the Grand Master, signed the recommendation, and the Grand Master filled up and granted the order for the Dispensation by Virtue of which John Smith, (Druggist), was on the same day, (being Friday, the 4th April), Entered, Passed and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

"Your Committee would do the Grand Lodge an injustice if they did not call their serious attention to a transaction in which the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge and the Bye Laws of a Subordinate Lodge and the rights of the Individual Members have been violated in so flagrant a manner as they were by the W. Master of N^o. 19.

"Bro. Pearson in his defence, alledges that the Lodge having received a New Petition, the rejection of Smith was thereby virtually reconsidered and he reinstated, an inference your Committee can by no means admit, irregular as

"the proceedings of the Lodge may have been. And Your Committee feel themselves constrained to add that Bro. Pearson appears to have carefully concealed the facts from which he drew the inference, and contented himself in making the assertions in the most unqualified and solemn manner. This concealment is the more inexcusable as the Grand Master, the W. Master and Officers of N^o 127, and the others concerned have all declared they would have had no participation in the transaction had the facts been stated to them as they subsequently appeared in the examination before your Committee.

"Your Committee conclude with the following Resolutions which they offer for the adoption of the Grand Lodge.

"Resolved, That after the rejection of John Smith in March in N^o 19, neither that Lodge nor any other Lodge had a right to proceed in his case in any other way than by appeal to the Grand Lodge.

"Resolved, That the conduct of the W. Master of N^o 127, appears to have been precipitate but not wilfully incorrect, and that the other officers and Members of that Lodge are free from any censure whatever.

"Resolved, That the conduct of Brother Daniel Pearson has been highly reprehensible, and that he appears to have had no other object in view than the making of John Smith at all events a Mason, and that, therefore, he be and is hereby suspended from the benefits of Masonry for the space of One Year.

"Resolved, That Brother Henry Erdman, Worshipful Master of Lodge N^o 19, be reprimanded in Grand Lodge by the R. W. Grand Master for his imprudent conduct in said Lodge N^o 19, in the case of John Smith.

"All which is respectfully submitted.

(Sign'd)

"JOSIAH RANDALL.

"J. P. ZEBLEY.

"LAMBERT KEATING.

"MICHAEL NISBET."

"Phil^a, 2 June, 1817."

A Petition was received and read from Brother George W.

Baldwin in behalf of divers Brethren, to whom this Grand Lodge on the 20th day of November, A. D. 1815, granted a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the Village of Sadsbury, Chester County, Stating that in consequence of the Brother named in the Warrant as W. Master having removed to an inconvenient distance from the place, and other circumstances therein mentioned, the said Lodge had never been constituted and established, and praying that Brother James Monaghan might be named W. Master in the Warrant, in the place of the Brother before named.

Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petition be granted.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge N^o 9, informing of the rejection by said Lodge of B—— K——, a candidate for Initiation on Account of bodily infirmity, after being ballotted for and unanimously approved of. In the process of preparing he was found to be unsound and not fit to become a Member of the Lodge.

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that Lodge N^o 9 have permission to allow B—— K—— leave to withdraw his Petition.

A Petition was received and read from Harmony Lodge, N^o 52, praying the R. W. Grand Lodge to grant them permission to ballot for Horatio S. Melchor, (who was returned by the said Lodge to the Grand Lodge in 1809 as rejected), and if duly approved of, to initiate him into the mysteries of Our order.

Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petition be granted.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency Of requiring the subordinate Lodges when they return to the Grand Secretary the suspensions and expulsions of Members immediately after their taking place, to accompany them with the reasons for which they have been so suspended or expelled.

Of instructing the Grand Secretary to cause immediate

notice of the same to be given to the subordinate Lodges in the City, quarterly, to all other Lodges under this Jurisdiction, and as has hitherto been the practice annually, to all the Grand Lodges with whom this Grand Lodge is in communication.

Of instructing the Grand Secretary to make a distinction in his entries between suspensions and expulsions.

Of instructing the Grand Secretary under the advisement of the R. W. Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Wardens of the Grand Lodge, to publish or cause to be published in the public papers as soon thereafter as conveniently may be, the names of such Members as have been expelled for gross and flagitious crimes.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers M^cCorkle, Bunker and Morrison, a Committee for the above purpose.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be respectfully requested, if in his opinion the interest of the Grand Lodge should be thereby promoted, to recommend to the Trustees of the Masonic Loans the sale of the Amount of United States 6 per Cent. Stock, and Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank Stock held by them, and the investing the proceeds thereof in the Masonic Loan or any other safe public Securities bearing an annual Interest of Six per Cent.

Lodge N^o 64, held at Greensburg. Election returns for June, 1815, December, 1815, June, 1816, and December, 1816. Return of Members and Accounts of Grand Lodge dues; also, communication of the expulsion of W—— C——, 13 Feb^y. 1815.

Lodge N^o 67, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the suspension of I—— J——, W—— W—— and B—— W—— for Non-payment of dues, also of the reinstatement of Hugh Maxwell.

Lodge N^o 71, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the rejection of J—— E—— on the 24th September.

Lodge N^o 100, held at Catawissa. Election Return of December, 1816. Communication of the expulsion by said

Lodge of D—— J——, P—— S——, J—— H——, R—— M—— and J—— A. H——, on the 2nd June, 1817, for non-payment of dues, also, of the reinstatement of Joseph A. Hughes on the 30th June.

Lodge N^o 106, held at Williamsport, Lycoming County. Election returns of December, 1814, 1815 and 1816.

Lodge N^o 120, held in Tioga County. Election Returns of Dec^r, 1815, Dec^r, 1816 and June, 1817. Accounts of G. L. dues and Returns of Members, also, Communication of the expulsions of the following Brethren for Vile conduct, viz : A—— C——, 18 May, 1815 ; L—— A——, 15 June, 1815 ; T—— I——, 16 Nov^r, 1815 ; also, rejection of H—— L—— and J—— L. S——. Also, the reinstatement of Lyman Adams on the 27 March, 1817.

Lodge N^o 121, held at Philadelphia. A Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 120, was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and report thereon.

Lodge N^o 127, held at Philadelphia. A Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 127, was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and report thereon.

Lodge N^o 139, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the expulsion in said Lodge on the 23rd August, of J—— C——, R—— M——, T—— S—— and A—— I. C——, for non-payment of dues.

Lodge N^o 152, held at Easton. A Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 152, was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N^o 154, held at the house of Brother Stewart on the Lancaster Turnpike road. A Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 154, was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to Meet again the third Monday in the present Month at Six o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 20, A. D. 1817, A. L. 5817.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

BRO. WALTER KERR, R. W. Grand Master.

- " Bayse Newcomb, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- " Thomas Elliott, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " Josiah Randall, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " Thomas S. Manning, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
- " Samuel P. Wetherill, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.
- " Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " George Howorth, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

Rev^d Bro. William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

BRO. THOMAS PEARSON, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

- " James Harper, jun^r, Grand Marshal.
- " Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 113, 114, 124, 126, 127, 130, 131, 134, 139, 141, 147 and 154 represented.

Twenty Three Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

A Complaint from Brother Christian Brobst against Lodge No. 100, held at Catawissa, was receiv'd and read and referred to Brothers Ja^s Harper, jun^r, Keatting and McAlpin, to enquire and make report.

A Memorial was receiv'd and read from Woodbury Lodge No. 11, New Jersey, stating the loss of their Lodge room, &c., by fire, and soliciting assistance to rebuild the Lodge. Ordered to be laid on the Table.

The Committee appointed on the appeal of J—— H—— from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge No. 116, held at Marietta, made report which was read and is as follows, to wit :

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

"The Committee appointed to enquire into the circumstances of the case of J—— H——, who was expelled from Lodge No. 116, Marietta, make report as follows :

"That on the 1st day of July last, they by previous agreement met the Lodge at Marietta, when said Lodge was opened in solemn form, and strict enquiry made according to the best Judgment of Your Committee. Your Committee have to regret, that they have found the proceedings of said Lodge in this case to be irregular, in as much as a sufficiency of time was not given to Mr. H—— to make his defence. Your Committee have examined the Minutes of said Lodge, an extract of which is respectfully submitted to Your Consideration, Viz:

"Bro. H—— and Palmer were heard, Brother H—— charged Br. Palmer of having wished to wrong him out of One hundred Dollars; Br. Palmer's charge against Br. H—— was he challeng'd him to fight a duel, was put to ballot to know whether the Brothers were guilty or not; the balloting in behalf of Br. Palmer prov'd favorable; the balloting proved unfavorable in behalf of Br. H——; the Lodge proceeded to ballot to know whether Br. H—— should be expelled or not; the balloting proved Br. H—— to be expelled.

"After having submitted the foregoing extract from the Minutes of said Lodge, Your Committee have too much diffidence to offer any further opinion.

"We remain with sentiments of the highest respect,

"Your affectionate Brethren,
(Sign'd)

"WILL^M. HAMILTON.

"NATHANIEL LIGHTNER.

"GE. H. WHITAKER."

"Lancaster, August 20, A. L. 5809."

Which Report was adopted. And

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the expulsion of Brother John Heckrote be and is hereby reversed.

Brother James Campbell appealed from a decision of Lodge No. 9, on a complaint made by him against Thomas Eager and Robert Shaner, members of said Lodge, which was read and referred to Bro^M. McCorkle, Benner and Francis Cooper, to enquire and make report.

The Committee appointed on the appeal of T—— W. B—— from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o 67, made report which was read and is as follows, to wit :

“ Philadelphia, August 29, 1817.

“ To the R. W. Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the
“ Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

“ The Committee appointed by this R. W. Grand Lodge
“ on the 7th July last, to examine and make report on the ap-
“ peal of T—— W. B—— from a Vote of expulsion passed
“ against him by Lodge N^o 67, beg leave most respectfully to
“ report,

“ That immediately after their appointment they gave
“ notice thereof to the Appellant, T—— W. B——, also to the
“ W. Master of Lodge N^o 67, and appointed Monday the 25th
“ of August, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, to hear what should
“ be alledged both for and against the appeal.

“ That several days previous to the said 25th of August, they
“ received from T—— W. B——, a Letter which is herewith
“ subjoined, marked A, exculpatory of his conduct, but which
“ was not accompanied with any testimony or documents to
“ substantiate his bare assertions.

“ That on the said 25th of August, Dr. Joseph P. Zebley,
“ W. M. of Lodge N^o 67, attended with the Book of Minutes
“ of the Lodge, also Br. William Stratton, a Past Master of the
“ same, and a Member of the Committee by Lodge N^o 67 to
“ enquire into the Complaints against T—— W. B——, which
“ Committee recommended that he should be expelled.

“ That upon a strict examination of Brothers Stratton and
“ Zebley and the Book of Minutes, the following facts and
“ charges against T—— W. B——, which he has never con-
“ troverted except by his simple denial, which ought not to be
“ believed, presented themselves with an entire conviction of
“ their truth to the minds of Your Committee.

“ T—— W. B—— connected himself in the retail dry
“ goods business with a person named Bowers, under the firm
“ of B—— and Bowers. After being in business Six or Nine
“ Months they failed. Among others whom they injured by

“their failure, which it appears was fraudulent, were several
“Masonic brethren, who trusted the firm in a great measure
“from the circumstance of B—— being a Brother. That a
“short time previous to their failure they executed a Bond
“and Judgment in favour of the father of B——, who is repre-
“sented as not being a man of wealth, for a Sum not now
“recollected, but above two thousand seven hundred and not
“exceeding three thousand five hundred Dollars, but believed
“to be the last mentioned Sum, which Bond was drawn up by
“a Person named Lafoucherie, their Clerk, and a Member of
“Lodge N^o 67, agreeably to a Copy of another Bond given to
“him by them for that purpose; that the bond was dated on
“the day of the week and month on which it was signed, but
“by their order Lafoucherie antedated the Year, so as to make
“it appear as if given in the previous year, but which on and
“after investigation, by thus antedating it, appeared to have
“been executed on *Sunday* in that year; that after the bond
“had been thus drawn up by their orders, signed by them,
“and delivered to B——’s father, they attempted to bribe the
“said Lafoucherie to secrecy, which he refused, and gave the
“above testimony before the Committee of Lodge N^o 67, after-
“wards appointed. That after the failure of B—— and
“Bowers, as aforesaid, an Extra Meeting of Lodge N^o 67 was
“called for the 4th March, 1812, at the instance of B——, who
“then and there applied for a traveling certificate, which was
“refused, and he withdrew his application. Br. William
“Geisse, a Member of Lodge N^o 125, being present, then pre-
“ferred a complaint stating that he had been seriously injured
“by B^r. B——, and prayed the Lodge to appoint a Committee
“to investigate his conduct. The Lodge thereupon appointed
“Brothers Budd, Rayfield, Kneass, Fullen and Stratton. The
“Committee gave three several written notices to Br. B——,
“and one of the Committee, who had a regard for him, pressed
“him in person to attend the meeting and repel the charges
“brought against him, but either refused or neglected to obey
“the Summonses, and the Committee proceeded to hear a
“variety of allegations, both of Masons and others, as to his
“fraudulent conduct. The Committee agreed upon their Re-

“port, to the best of Br. Stratton’s recollection, on the 10th March ; B—— embarked on board the Ship Walter, bound to New Orleans, either on that day or the day following, but believed to be the latter, and might have ascertained what the Report of the Committee was if he had thought proper. A stated meeting of Lodge No. 67 was held on the 13th of March, 1812, when Brothers Charles Budd, William J. Rayfield and William Stratton, a majority of the Committee, reported that after hearing all the charges alledged against him, ‘Br. B——,’ and taking into consideration the charges which were proven beyond doubt, ‘they give it as their sincere opinion, that he has not conducted himself in a masonic manner, and therefore recommend his expulsion from the Lodge.’ Which Report was accepted and ordered to be entered upon the Minutes.”

“Such appear to be the facts on a diligent investigation by your Committee.

“During this enquiry your Committee were forcibly struck with the impropriety of the practice, which they apprehend is a general one among the Lodges or nearly so, of Committees appointed to enquire into alledged crimes, after having had them fully proved to their entire conviction, simply reporting a resolution for the expulsion of the offender, accompanied only by verbal explanations for the satisfaction of the Lodge, instead of bringing in a detailed report of the offence committed and the allegations substantiating it, to be entered upon the Minutes. The evil to be apprehended from the want of this precaution is, that after a lapse of years, an expelled member, ascertaining the Death or dispersion of the Committee and Witnesses, nay even of the most or all of the then Members of the Lodge, may come forward, and under various pretences, pray for a re-hearing, and may, to say the least, give much unnecessary trouble, or may sometimes be improperly re-instated. Your Committee do not by any means wish to be understood as intending any reflection on Lodge No. 67, whom they have abundant reason to believe to be generally very correct. But apprehending the practice to be general, they have believed

“it to be their duty, respectfully to bring it into the view of
 “the R. W. Grand Lodge, that they may take such order
 “upon it as they in their wisdom may judge necessary and
 “proper.

“In conclusion, your Committee begs leave to offer the following resolutions:

“Resolved, that the appeal of T—— W. B—— from a Vote
 “of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o 67, is not sustained, that he ought not to be reinstated, and that he have
 “leave to withdraw his appeal.

“All which is most respectfully submitted.

(Sign'd)

“J. M^cALPIN,

“W. M^c CORKLE,

“PETER BENNER,

} Committee.”

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee appointed on the application of Lodge N^o 21, held at Harrisburg, requesting the Grand Lodge to take such measures as would insure in the subordinate Lodges an uniform system of working, and to appoint a Brother fully qualified to deliver Lectures in the subordinate Lodges, made Report which was read, amended and adopted as amended, and is as follows, to wit:

“To the R. W. G. M., Officers and Brethren of the G. L. of
 “Pennsylvania:

“The Committee appointed on the 2nd June last on the
 “Communication from Lodge N^o 21, held at Harrisburg, requesting the G. L. to take such measures as will insure a
 “uniform mode of working in the Subordinate Lodges under
 “its Jurisdiction, and to appoint a Brother to deliver Lectures
 “conformably thereto, beg leave to report,

“That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and
 “after mature consideration are of opinion, That the prosperity and harmony of the order must at all times materially depend on the uniformity with which the business, (but
 “more particularly the masonic labours), of the subordinate
 “Lodges are conducted.

“That there is the best reason to believe that a difference
 “exists in the mode of working in different Lodges under

"Your Jurisdiction, and *that not* confined to those Lodges
 "situate in remote parts of the state, or without its limits, but
 "that some of those differences have found their way into
 "some of the Lodges who occupy this building.

"Your Committee in common with many worthy Brethren
 "deprecate this growing evil, and are of opinion that immedi-
 "ate measures should be taken to remedy it and prevent its
 "recurrence in future. As the means toward the accomplish-
 "ment of this desirable object, they beg leave to offer the fol-
 "lowing resolutions :

"Resolved, that the R. W. G. M. be respectfully requested
 "to visit, either by himself or his officers, the different Lodges
 "under his Jurisdiction, inspect their labours in the different
 "degrees of Masonry, and correct any Errors that may have
 "crept into the work of the Lodge he may so visit.

"Resolved, that when in consequence of distance or other
 "cause this duty may be found impracticable by the G. M. to
 "perform, he be requested to appoint a skillful Brother with
 "full powers to perform the same and report their proceedings
 "to the G. Lodge.

"Resolved, that the Grand Master be requested to divide
 "the Country Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand
 "Lodge, into separate districts, to appoint suitable Brethren
 "to visit the different Lodges, inspect their labours, and to
 "report annually their proceedings to this Grand Lodge.

(Sign'd)	"JAMES HARPER, Jr."	} Committee."
	"JOSIAH RANDALL,	
	"MICHAEL NISBET,	

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed forthwith to
 transmit a Copy of the above report and resolutions to each
 of the Country Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand
 Lodge.

The following Resolutions were offered for the Considera-
 tion of the Grand Lodge, Viz :

Resolved, that whenever a black ball shall appear among
 the Ballots for the admission of a Candidate in any of the sub-
 ordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge,

the Vote shall lie over until the next stated meeting, and the Master or presiding officer shall give immediate notice in open Lodge, that unless the brother who has put in the black ball shall previous to the aforesaid next stated meeting, give to the officers of the Lodge such reasons as in their opinion will justify the rejection of the Candidate, the aforesaid black ball shall then be thrown out and the Candidate duly Elected, but if on the contrary, the reasons so given shall in the opinion of the Officers of the Lodge justify the rejection of the candidate, the ballot taken at the first meeting shall be final and the Candidate rejected. And the officers of the Lodge shall guard the name of the Brother who is thus called on to state his reasons and the reasons so given by him, as secrets entrusted to their confidence under the most sacred injunction, at the peril of expulsion from our order.

Resolved, that in future no brother who puts in a black ball at the balloting for the admission of a Candidate, shall be called on for his reasons in so doing.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Consideration of the above resolutions be indefinitely postponed.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday the 3rd November next at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
G. Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 3, A. D. 1817, A. L. 5817.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. WALTER KERR, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Bayse Newcomb, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Thomas Elliott, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ William M^cCorkle, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

- Bro. Michael Nisbet, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
“ Samuel P. Wetherill, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.
“ George Howorth, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
“ Issacher Price, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
“ Charles Mercier, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
“ James Harper, jun^r, Grand Marshal.
“ Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant.
“ Joseph Burden, R. W. Past Senior Gr^d. Warden.
“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 60, 62, 71, 72, 91, 113, 114, 121, 124, 125, 126, 127, 130, 131, 139, 141 and 154 represented.

Twenty Five Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample Form at Six o'clock in the Evening.

The R. W. Grand Master addressed the Grand Lodge as follows, to wit:

“ My Brethren: As the period is fast approaching when according to our Constitution the annual Election for Grand Officers takes place, And as many of the Members of the Grand Lodge have intimated their desire that I should continue in the office which I now hold, I have deemed it proper to give this public and early notice that it is my intention to decline a re-election. It would be trespassing upon your time and patience, to enter into a detailed account of the reasons which have operated on my mind to lead to this determination. I trust no one will doubt my disposition to serve our antient Institution in any way consistent with my other duties, But from circumstances which I now anticipate, the conviction is forced upon my mind that duty demands, and the welfare of the Craft requires, that a successor be chosen.

“ It is my intention before the close of the present year, to make out a statement of the transactions which have taken place since the last Election, And also to give you every information in my power relating to the Society within our Jurisdiction.”

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, containing an account of their pro-

ceedings in June last, which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, containing an Account of their proceedings in May last, which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

Lodge N^o 116, held at Marietta. Election Returns of Dec., 1815, June, 1816, and Dec., 1816. Account of Grand Lodge dues. Return of Members, containing rejection of C—— O——, J—— P——, D—— B—— and J—— M——. Also, the expulsion of J—— K——, J—— B. G——, J—— R—— and J—— G—— for unmasonic conduct, and J—— P. A—— for non-payment of dues.

Lodge N^o 139, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the expulsion of A—— K——, on the 27th day of December last for non-payment of dues.

Lodge N^o 145, held at Wilkesburgh. Return of Members. Also, a Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was received and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N^o 148, held in the Town of Northumberland. Return to Dispensation for Constituting said Lodge was received and read, whereby it appeared that the said Lodge was duly Constituted on the twenty-third day of April last. Also, a Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was received and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and report.

Lodge N^o 150, held at Troy, Bradford County. Return to Dispensation for Constituting said Lodge was received and read, whereby it appeared that the said Lodge was duly constituted on Tuesday the Seventh day of October last.

Lodge N^o 153, held at Waynesburgh. Return to Dispensation for Constituting said Lodge was received and read, whereby it appeared that the said Lodge was duly constituted on the Twenty fifth day of August last.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge N^o 84, held at Somerset, and is as follows, to wit:

“Lodge N^o 84, Somerset, Pennsylvania, under the Juris-

"diction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, September 1st
"A. D. 1817, A. L. 5817.

"We, the Committee appointed to answer a report from the
"Grand Lodge respectfully represent, That we believe suffi-
"cient and satisfactory testimony has been laid before the
"Grand Lodge to determine the cases of Brethren Findlay
"and Riddle. That all the Evidence that can be procured in
"both cases has been fairly and impartially taken, allowing
"the opposite parties every reasonable opportunity for ex-
"culpating themselves. With due deference therefore to
"Your most honourable body, we conceive it our duty to re-
"turn all the documents and papers in our possession relative
"to Brethren Findlay and Riddle, submitting to Your Judg-
"ment whether we should be put to further inconvenience or
"expense in investigating this subject, it being the unanimous
"wish of the brethren of this Lodge to have no more connec-
"tion or communication with either Bro. Findlay or Riddle.
"We humbly solicit the Grand Lodge to what order thereon
"they may deem most expedient, so that this matter may be
"finally settled without further interference on part of this
"Lodge. We believe that the whole matter is now before
"your honourable Lodge and hope they will consider we have
"acted as far as our duty required or our authority permitted.
"The whole evidence that can be collected at present, or could
"be laid before the Lodge at Pittsburgh, is herewith transmitted
"to the Grand Lodge, whom we believe are the proper arbiters
"in this Case, and more capable to bring it to a final adjust-
"ment which will do Justice to both parties and honor to the
"whole Craft.

"All which is respectfully submitted.

(Sign'd)

"JOHN WEBSTER,

"JAMES CLARK,

"WILLIAM COOPER,

"WILLIAM PHILZON,

} Committee."

On Motion, the Report of the Committee on the Cases of
Brothers Findlay and Riddle together with all the accompany-
ing documents were read. When on Motion made and

Seconded, Resolved, that Robert Findlay and James M. Riddle, late members of Lodge N^o. 84, held at Somerset, in Pennsylvania, be cited by the Grand Secretary to shew cause, if any they have, to this R. W. Grand Lodge, on or before the First Monday in March, 1818, why they should not be expelled from the benefits of Masonry.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 1st, A. D. 1817, A. L. 5817.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

BRO. WALTER KERR, R. W. Grand Master.

- " Bayse Newcomb, R. W. Dep. Grand Master.
- " Joseph Barnes, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- " Thomas Elliott, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " Nathan Bunker, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
- " Josiah Randall, Dep. Grand Secretary, P. T.
- " Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " Randall Hutchinson, Junior Grand Deacon.
- " James Forsythe, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
- " James Harper, jun^r, Grand Marshal.
- " Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
- " Richard Tybout, R. W. Past Grand Master.
- " Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Past Grand Master.
- " Joseph Burden, R. W. Past S. G. Warden.
- " Thomas Armstrong, R. W. Past J. G. Warden.
- " Robert Poalk, R. W. Past J. G. Warden.
- " Richard Bache, R. W. Past J. G. Warden.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 62, 67, 71, 72, 73, 84, 91, 92, 100, 113,
114, 115, 121, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 180, 181, 183, 184, 189, 141,
147 and 154 represented.

Thirty four Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly and Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communications were read and approved.

The R. W. Grand Master arose and delivered a short address respecting his intention to decline a re-election, and giving a succinct and satisfactory statement of the present flourishing situation of the Grand Lodge.

Whereupon, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the R. W. Grand Master for the address just delivered, and that he be respectfully requested to furnish a Copy to be entered on the Minutes and to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge, with which request he was pleased to comply, and the address is in the following words, Viz :

“ December 1, 1817.

“ My Brethren,

“ As the period when our annual Election for Grand Officers takes place is at hand, and I have expressed my determination not to consider myself a candidate for this chair at that Election, I deem it proper to express my thanks for the honor heretofore conferred upon me, and my best wishes for the future prosperity of the institution. Since the time that I came into office, it affords me pleasure to observe, nothing has taken place which ever led me for a moment to regret my acceptance of this station. Mutual good will has seemed to prevail throughout every department of our body. The different members by faithfully performing the duties assigned them have secured the approbation of the whole, while at the same time they have advanced the already exalted reputation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

“ I need not remind you that much depends upon a judicious selection of officers, who shall conduct the affairs of this Institution. These are the lights which you hang out before the world, and from them in a great measure will the world make up its opinion of the Character of our order. In that

“station in which I have been placed by your suffrages, I am
“not sensible of having done any thing prejudicial to our in-
“terests. That I have often erred is probable, for who is
“free from error, yet I trust that my imperfections will be at-
“tributed to a want of Judgment, rather than to any intention
“of doing wrong; much however of my success has depended
“upon the manner in which I have been supported by your
“countenance and favor. Let the same principles lead you to
“equal confidence in my successor, and in all the measures
“which he may adopt for the welfare of the Craft, give him
“your counsel and support.

“The present prosperity of the Institution I consider a sub-
“ject of reasonable congratulation. Harmony and Peace pre-
“vails throughout our Jurisdiction. That they may be pre-
“served and handed down to future times as the best recom-
“mendation of Masonry, it behooves us still to use our best
“exertions. To hold up the arm of power when discipline
“requires it, and to support by our countenance the right ad-
“ministration of equal Justice.

“During my term of service twelve Warrants have been
“issued, and as many new Lodges constituted, these associa-
“tions are many of them in remote parts of the state, and ac-
“cording to the best information we have received, are well
“conducted. I trust the Grand Lodge will see the necessity
“of strict attention to the state of their funds. The debt upon
“the building when it becomes due should be paid, at all
“events we ought to be prepared for the event, as they who
“hold the masonic Loan may demand the money. There
“will be paid into the Sinking fund for the discharge of the
“masonic Loans this year upwards of Three Thousand Dol-
“lars, including the Interest up to the first of January next;
“the account will shortly be laid before you by the R. W.
“Grand Secretary. The several Committees should make re-
“port on the subjects submitted to them as soon as practic-
“able. Much injury may accrue by putting off those con-
“cerns upon which the Grand Lodge has begun to deliberate.
“One Committee in particular, on the Ahiman Rezon, I must
“urge to lose no time in bringing forward their report. For

"some time we have felt the want of a Book of Constitutions. The Grand Secretary has not been able to supply the frequent demands which have been made upon him, nor have we been able to forward the rules and regulations of our Society with the new Warrants which have been granted. The state of foreign Lodges, particularly those of Great Britain, has for a long time interested the friends of Masonry. I am happy in being able to state an Union has taken place between the Grand Lodge of York and that which called itself the Grand Lodge of London ; after having been a long time divided by separate interests and separate discipline, they have at last consented to suspend all other contention save that which masons justify, 'Who best can work and best agree.' On this subject we shall shortly have more particular information. The Grand Secretary has been instructed to write to the Grand Lodge of York, who will no doubt communicate every thing necessary. In the other Countries alluded to, we believe that our Masonic Institutions are again beginning to flourish. The reign of ignorance and superstition is happily drawing to a close. The rights of man are beginning to be better understood. And all associations designed to advance the happiness and promote the welfare of the human race, will probably be better countenanced. For a long time masonry had to contend with the most formidable enemies, but now so great is the change that many of her strongest opponents have become her real friends. In the progress of Christianity which appears to be filling the Earth, all those Societies which lend their aid to so great a blessing may reasonably hope to prosper. While we then zealously contend for the success of our antient and honourable body, let us be careful to preserve the Spirit and copy the precepts of the religion of Christ, so shall we secure our own perpetuity and serve at the same time the best interests of man."

(Sign'd)

"WALTER KERR,

"G^d. Master."

A Petition was receiv'd and read from divers ancient York

Master Masons, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia, to be called "Mount Moriah Lodge," and that Brother Joseph E. Bowen might be named the First Worshipful Master; Brother Richard Cohill, the First Senior Warden, and Brother Chester Chattin, the First Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 155.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that this was the Evening appointed by the Regulations of the Grand Lodge for holding the Election for Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the Election.

The Grand Lodge thereupon proceeded to the Election, when

Bro^r. Bayse Newcomb, was duly Elected R. W. Grand Master.

" Joseph Barnes, was duly Elected R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

" Thomas Elliott, was duly Elected R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" Josiah Randall, was duly Elected R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker, was duly re-Elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Joseph S. Lewis, was duly re-Elected R. W. Grand Treasurer.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to solicit the Legislature for an Act of Assembly for relief by Lottery or otherwise, and the same to be appropriated towards the discharge of the debt incurred in the erection of the New Hall.

Resolved, that the above Committee consist of the Grand Officers and of such other Brethren as the R. W. Grand Master may be pleased to add thereto.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Officers be requested to cause a notification to be made to the Country Lodges, of the object of the application to the Legislature, and request their influence with the Members to carry the same into effect.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at half past 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S DAY, Philadelphia, Saturday, 27th December, A. D. 1817, A. L. 5817.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present :

Brother WALTER KERR, R. W. Grand Master.

- " Bayse Newcomb, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- " Joseph Barnes, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- " Thomas Elliott, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
- " Samuel P. Wetherill, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.
- " Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " Joseph S. Reiley, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " John P. Schott, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
- " William McCorkle, Grand Marshal, P. T.
- " Richard Tybout, R. W. Past Grand Master.
- " Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 21, 45, 52, 59, 67, 71, 91, 113, 115, 121, 124, 127, 128, 131, 133, 134, 139, 141, 51, 147, 152 and 155 represented.

Twenty Four Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 10 o'clock in the Morning.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Grand Lodge that a Warrant having been granted by this Grand Lodge on the 1st day of December last, for holding a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia, under the name of "Mount Moriah Lodge," N^o 155, he was pleased on Thursday the 25th instant, to call to his assistance the Grand Officers, and opened a Grand Lodge for the purpose of Constituting the said new Lodge and Installing the Worshipful Master and other Officers, and that the same was done with all due solemnity according to the ancient Customs.

So much of the Minutes of the Last Grand Quarterly Communication as relates to the Election of Grand Officers was read, and thereupon the following Grand Officers Elect were severally installed into their respective offices in ancient and solemn form, to wit :

Bro. Bayse Newcomb, R. W. Grand Master.

" Joseph Barnes, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

" Thomas Elliott, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" Josiah Randall, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments, to wit :

Bro. Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

" Nathan Bunker, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev^d. Bro. William Rogers, } Grand Chaplains.
" " George Potts, }

Bro. Thomas Amies, } Grand Stewards.
" William Wray, }

" Isaac Levis, Grand Sword Bearer.

" James M. Linnard, Grand Marshal.

" John C. Tillinghast, Grand Pursuivant.

" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Committees, Viz :

Bro. Joseph Barnes, }
" Joseph Watson, } Committee of Correspondence.
" Nathan R. Potts, }

Bro. William Page,	}	Committee of Accounts.
" Mark Richards,		
" Bernard Dahlgreen,		
" George A. Baker,	}	Committee to examine the Bye Laws of Subordinate Lodges.
" Thomas S. Manning,		
" Michael Nisbet,		
" Thomas Kittera,	}	Committee to examine the trans- actions of the last year and select for publication.
" Samuel Badger,		
" Robert De Silver,		
" Frederick Erringer,	}	Hall Committee.
" Alphonso C. Ireland,		
" James McAlpin,		
" John Darragh,		
" Henry Y. Carter,		

Bro. Grand Secretary appointed Bro. Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary for the ensuing year, and requested that the Grand Lodge would be pleased to sanction the appointment. Whereupon, the same was unanimously approved.

The following preamble and Resolutions were presented and Unanimously adopted, to wit:

"The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, possessing the most lively sensations of regard and affection for their late R. W. Grand Master, Brother Walter Kerr, and sincerely desirous of evincing their gratitude to him for his numerous services rendered the Craft in the various stations, subordinate and exalted, which he has filled, for his uniform and disinterested zeal and attachment to the Interests of the order, for his humane and benevolent exertions to relieve his Brethren, and especially for the firmness and promptitude and fidelity with which for the two last years he has executed the duties of the presiding officer of this Grand Lodge, during which time they have enjoyed an unexampled degree of Prosperity, Do Resolve, That a Past Grand Master's Jewell of Gold, of superior Beauty, with an appropriate Apron and Hangings, be made and presented in open Grand Lodge to our late R. W. Grand Master, Brother Walter Kerr.

Resolved, That the Grand Officers be appointed a Committee to procure the same.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Master be requested to present the same to Brother Kerr, with an appropriate address congratulating him on the present flourishing situation of the Institution, conveying to him the thanks of this Grand Lodge for the many services he has rendered the order, more particularly in the exalted station from which he has just retired; presenting our earnest prayers for his temporal happiness here and eternal felicity hereafter, and requesting a continuance of his labours among us, until it shall please the Supreme Architect of the Universe to reward him with a Crown of glory in that Grand Lodge above "not made with hands eternal in the Heavens."

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to postpone the issuing of the notices to Brothers Findlay and Riddle ordered at a previous Meeting of this Grand Lodge, until the next Grand Quarterly Communication.

The Lodges being called on for their returns, the following returns, &c., were presented and read:

Lodge N^o 2, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues. Also, Communication of the expulsion on the 10 November, of W— P. B—, J— F. H—, I— P— and A— R—, for non-payment of dues.

Lodge N^o 3, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members, Containing the suspension of R— L—, C— P—, H— B—, J— A. S—, J— D—, G— M. L—, G— H—, U— M—, I— B—, W— B—, J— C—, J— E—, W— M^cC—, jun^r. A— H— and W— B—, for non-payment of dues, and the Expulsion of S— S—, for non-payment of dues, and rej. of A— H—. Election Return and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 19, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues. Also, Communication of the expulsion of F— H—, J—

H——, H—— S——, W—— M^cK——, Constable, J——
L. D——, J—— F. E——, G—— B——, for non-payment
of dues.

Lodge N^o. 45, held at Pittsburgh. Account of Grand Lodge
dues. Return of Members, Containing the suspension of
P—— S—— and W—— H——, for non-payment of dues,
the Expulsion of J—— B——, for unmasonic conduct, and
of J—— A——, for Forgery and Swindling.

Lodge N^o. 51, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Re-
turn of Members, Containing the Expulsion of A—— W.
W——, for non-payment of dues. Account of Grand Lodge
dues and Return of Past Masters.

Lodge N^o. 59, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Re-
turn of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 61, held at Wilkesbarre. Election Return.

Lodge N^o. 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Re-
turn of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 69, held at Chester, Delaware Cot^y. Election Re-
turn.

Lodge N^o. 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Re-
turn of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Re-
turn of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 73, held at Philadelphia. Election Returns of
Dec^r. 1816 and 1817. Account of Grand Lodge dues. Re-
turn of Members.

Lodge N^o. 81, held at Germantown. Election Return.

Lodge N^o. 91, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N^o. 115, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Re-
turn of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 125, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Re-
turn of Members, Containing the Expulsion of A——
F——, for non-payment of dues.

Lodge N^o. 126, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N^o. 127, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N^o. 130, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Re-
turn of Members, Containing the expulsion of D——
C——, J—— V—— and L—— M——. Account of
Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 131, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N^o. 134, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members, Containing the Expulsion of A—— B——, for unmasonic conduct, and H—— E—— and J—— J. P——, for non-payment of dues.

Lodge N^o. 135, held at Roxborough. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 139, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues. Communication of the reinstatement of Adam Keyser and Tabor Skinner in N^o. 139 was received and read.

Lodge N^o. 146, held at Meadville, Crawford County. Return to Dispensation for Constituting Lodge N^o. 146, was received and read, whereby it appeared that the said Lodge was duly Constituted on the Third day of September now last past.

Lodge N^o. 152, held at Easton, Northampton County. Election Return. Account of Grand Lodge dues. A Commission duly Executed bearing date the 13 December instant from said Lodge N^o. 152, appointing Brother James McAlpin, Proxy, to represent said Lodge in the Grand Lodge, was received and read. Whereupon, Brother McAlpin was recognized as Proxy.

The Accounts of Brother George A. Baker, deceased, late Grand Secretary, were presented and referred to the Committee of Accounts to Examine and make report.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at a quarter past 12 o'clock at Noon.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 2^d, A. D. 1818, A. L. 5818.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Special Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Joseph Barnes, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Thomas Elliott, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

- Bro. Josiah Randall, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
“ Thomas Pearson, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
“ William McCorkle, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
“ Anthony Fannen, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
“ Isaac Levis, Grand Sword Bearer.
“ William Linnard, Grand Marshal.
“ John C. Tillinghast, Grand Pursuivant.
“ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Past Grand Master.
“ Walter Kerr, R. W. Past Grand Master.
“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 8, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 67, 71, 72, 59, 91, 118, 114, 115, 121, 124, 128, 127, 128, 180, 181, 184, 189, 141, 152, 154 and 155 represented.

Twenty Nine Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at half past Six o'clock in the Evening.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that he had convened the Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying before them two Petitions which he had received, praying for Warrants to establish new Lodges.

A Petition from divers ancient York Master Masons was then read, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Application just read be referred to a Committee to take into Consideration the propriety of granting new Warrants in this City, and to report generally thereon.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Barnes, Bradford, Harper, Elliott and Randall, a Committee for the above purpose.

A Petition was read from divers ancient York Master Masons, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at Chestnut Level, in Drumore Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, to be named “Washington Lodge,” and that Brother George White might be named the First Worshipful Master; Brother Jacob Moore, the First Senior Warden, and Brother Samuel B. Moore, the First Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being duly recommended agreeably to

the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, it was, On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 156.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 2nd, A. D. 1818, A. L. 5818.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

- " Joseph Barnes, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- " Thomas Elliott, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- " Josiah Randall, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
- " Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.
- " Randall Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " Andrew Hooton, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " Isaac Levis, Grand Sword Bearer.
- " William Linnard, Grand Marshal.
- " John C. Tillinghast, Grand Pursuivant.
- " Richard Tybout, R. W. Past Grand Master.
- " Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Past Grand Master.
- " Walter Kerr, R. W. Past Grand Master.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 73, 75, 84, 91, 92, 103, 113, 114, 115, 121, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 133, 134, 139, 141, 147, 152, 154 and 155 represented.

Thirty Seven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample Form at half past Six o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly, Grand General and Grand Special Communications were read and approved.

The R. W. Grand Master in compliance with a Resolution of the Grand Lodge of the 27th December last, presented Brother Walter Kerr, Esquire, R. W. Past Grand Master, with a Past Grand Master's Jewell of Gold, of Superior Beauty, with appropriate Apron and Hangings.

The R. W. Grand Master delivered the following address to Bro. Kerr on presenting the same :

"R. W. Past Grand Master, pursuant to the resolution of the Grand Lodge, I now present you with a Past Grand Master's Jewell of Gold, of superior beauty, with appropriate Hangings and Apron, and a Copy of their Resolution.

"I congratulate you my Brother on the flourishing state of the Institution during your administration, and at the time of your retiring from office.

"On behalf of the Grand Lodge, I thank you for the many services you have rendered the order, particularly in the exalted station from which you have lately retired.

"We pray for your happiness here and eternal felicity hereafter, and we solicit a continuance of your labours among us until it shall please the Supreme Architect of the Universe to reward you with a Crown of Glory in that Grand Lodge above not made with hands eternal in the Heavens."

To which address Brother Kerr replied as follows, Viz :

"R. W. Sir and Brother,

"It could not but be gratifying to my feelings, to receive from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania a public acknowledgment of their approbation of my late official conduct, but under circumstances so flattering as they have seen fit to notice my poor services, I am compelled to express my sense of the honor thus conferred upon me. I receive at your hands R. W. Brother, from the Members of this Grand Lodge these emblems of our ancient mysteries, as (I believe they were intended), expressions of their personal regard. As it has always been my study according to my best abilities to support the rights and advance the interests of our institution in the various situations in which it was their pleasure to place me, I feel highly gratified with the approbation which you have now expressed in a manner so flat-

"tering to my feelings. What I have done was from a sense
 "of duty connected with strong attachment for our venerable
 "order. Convinced as I am that it is only necessary for
 "Masons to act according to their avowed principles, and let
 "those principles be known, to cause unworthy prejudices
 "which have too long obscured its merits soon to disappear.

"In retiring from a responsible station, I consulted the In-
 "terests of this body, and from a change then contemplated in
 "my family arrangements, it would have been impossible for
 "me to have performed the duties. If I had felt any regret
 "at that time from an over anxious jealousy lest the concerns
 "of the Craft would not in future be faithfully attended to,
 "permit me to say, since your elevation to this Chair those
 "fears have been removed. Receive R. W. Brother the as-
 "surance of my personal respects, and as the Representative
 "of this body my sincere wishes for their prosperity and in-
 "creasing reputation."

The Committee of Accounts made report on the accounts of
 Brother Joseph S. Lewis, Grand Treasurer for the year 1816,
 which was read and is as follows, to wit :

"We, the Committee of Accounts of the Right Worshipful
 "Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to whom the foregoing Ac-
 "count of Joseph S. Lewis was referred for Examination, Re-
 "spectfully Report, That we have carefully examined the
 "same and find the same correct, and that there remained a
 "balance in the hands of the Treasurer on the 27th December,
 "1816, of One thousand and eighty four Dollars and Seventy
 "five Cents.

"Philadelphia, February 28, 1818.

(Sign'd)

"WILLIAM PAGE,
 "MARK RICHARDS, } Committee."

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee of Accounts made report on the Accounts
 of Brother George A. Baker, deceased, late Grand Secretary,
 which was read and is as follows, to wit :

"We, the Committee of accounts of the R. W. Grand Lodge
 "of Pennsylvania, respectfully report, that we have carefully
 "examined the within account of the late Grand Secretary,

"from the 30th December, 1815, to the 26th Decem^r. 1816, and
 "are of Opinion the same is correct, being balanced by One
 "hundred and fifty three Dollars thirty seven Cents, paid to
 "the Grand Treasurer as per receipt.

"Philadelphia, 28th February, 1818.

(Sign'd)

"WILLIAM PAGE,
 "MARK RICHARDS, } Committee."

Which report was adopted.

A Report and Account were received from the Trustees of the Masonic Loans and read and ordered to be entered on the Minutes, and are as follows, to wit:

"At a Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic
 "Loans held in the New Hall of the Grand Lodge, in Chest-
 "nut Street, Philadelphia, on Monday the 5th January, 1818,
 "at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

"A Certificate, (or Return), of an Election held this Morn-
 "ing for Electing from among the Stockholders Six Persons
 "to serve in conjunction with the Grand Master, Deputy
 "Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand War-
 "den, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, for the time be-
 "ing as Trustees of the Masonic Loans, for One Year from
 "this Day and until a New Board shall be elected on the
 "First Monday in January, 1819, was read, whereby it ap-
 "pears that Charles Biddle, Edward Burd, Stephen Girard,
 "Thomas McEuen, Elijah Griffiths and Thomas F. Leaming,
 "were duly elected."

"The Board then proceeded to the Election of Officers for
 "the ensuing year, when Charles Biddle, Esquire, was elected
 "President; George A. Baker, Secretary, and Thomas Mc-
 "Euen, Esquire, Treasurer.

"On Motion made and Seconded,

"Resolved, that a Copy of the Account of the Board of
 "Trustees, which was laid before the Stockholders this Morn-
 "ing at their annual Meeting, exhibiting the receipt of Monies
 "by the Trustees during the last year, and their Investments
 "of the same in Stock on account of the Sinking Fund, be
 "transmitted to the Grand Lodge for their Information.

"Extract from the Minutes."

GEORGE A. BAKER, Secretary.

Dr.		Cr.	
1817.		1817.	
Feb'y.	8. To Cash paid for \$166.88 of U. S. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ C. at 99 for the Sinking Fund.	Jany.	31. By Cash rec'd 6 Months Interest on \$3487.62 of U. S. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ Stock due 1 st January.
	11. To ditto paid for One Share of Masonic Loan at \$100.	"	" By ditto rec'd 6 Mo. divd. on 40 Sh. of F. and M. Bank Stock due 1 st Jan'y.
April	11. To ditto paid for Three Shares of Masonic Loan at 97 $\frac{1}{2}$ C.	"	" By ditto rec'd 6 Mo. Int. on 20 Sh. Masonic Loan due 1 st Jan'y.
"	" To ditto paid for \$769.75 of U. S. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ C. at 99 $\frac{1}{2}$ C.	April	10. By ditto rec'd 3 Mo. Int. on \$3653.68 of U. S. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ C. Stock due 1 April.
		22.	By ditto rec'd of Grand Treas. on order of the Grand Master.
			<u>\$1319.39</u>
July	31. To Cash paid for One Share of Masonic Loan at par.	July	21. By Cash rec'd 6 Mo. div. on 40 Sh. of F. and M. Bank S. due 1 July.
Aug.	7. To ditto paid for Five Shares of Masonic Loans at par.	Aug.	16. By Cash rec'd 6 Mo. Int. on 24 Sh. of Masonic Loan due 1 July.
16.	To ditto paid for Two Shares of Masonic Loans at par.	"	" By ditto rec'd 3 Mo. Int. on \$4423.38 U. S. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ C. due 1 st July.
		23.	By ditto rec'd of Grand Treas. on order of the Gr ^d . Master.
			<u>\$800.</u>
Oct'r.	22. To Cash paid for Ten Shares of Masonic Loan at par.	Oct'r.	22. By Cash rec'd on Sale of \$890.82 of U. S. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ Ct. at 104 $\frac{1}{2}$ C. Int. on \$4423.38 U. S. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ due 1 st Oct'r.
Nov'r.	19. To ditto paid for Two Shares of Masonic Loan at par.	Nov'r.	24. By ditto rec'd on Sale of \$187.80 of U. S. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ at 104 $\frac{1}{2}$
Dec'r.	8. To ditto paid for One Share of Masonic Loan at par.	Dec'r.	3. By ditto rec'd on Sale of \$93.90 of U. S. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ at 104 $\frac{1}{2}$
15.	To ditto paid for \$560.75 U. S. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ Stock at 107 $\frac{1}{2}$ Ct.	"	" By ditto rec'd of Grand Treas. on order of the G. Master.
			<u>\$1900.</u>
		17.	By Cash rec'd on Sale of \$186.92 of U. S. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ at 107 $\frac{1}{2}$ C.
			<u>\$200.</u>

The Sinking Fund now consists of the following Stock, Viz :

40 Shares of Farmers' and Mechanicks' Bank Stock and dividend thereon from 1st July, 1817.

47 Shares of Masonic Loan with Interest thereon from the 1st July, 1817.

\$3634.69 of United States Six per Cent. Stock with Interest thereon from the 1st day of October, 1817.

Philadelphia, 5th January, 1818.

Errors and Omissions Excepted.

(Sign'd)

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Secretary to the Board of

The above submitted for the Trustees.
information of the Stock-
holders of the Masonic Loans.

The Grand Secretary presented his Account with the Grand Lodge for the last year, which was referred to the Committee of Accounts to Examine and report thereon.

The Grand Secretary presented his Account respecting the Interest of the Masonic Loans for the last year, which was referred to the Committee of Accounts to Examine and Report thereon.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Account with the Grand Lodge for the last year, which was referred to the Committee of Accounts to Examine and Report thereon.

A Petition was received and read from sundry Brethren, to whom the Grand Lodge on the 2nd February last, granted a Warrant for holding a Lodge at Chestnut Level, Lancaster County, under the name of "Washington Lodge," N^o 156, communicating the Death of Brother George White, named as W. Master in the said Warrant, and praying that Bro. Jacob Moore might be named as W. Master of the same in the place of Bro. White, deceased, and that Bro. John Ramsay might be named Senior Warden of the same in the place of Brother Moore appointed W. Master. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.

A Petition was received and read from divers Ancient York

Master Masons, praying for a Warrant for holding a New Lodge in the City of Havana, in the Island of Cuba, to be named "Las Delicias de la Havana," and that Brother Geronimo de Casas might be named W. Master; Brother Manuel de la Torre, Senior Warden, and Brother Rafael Gonsales, Junior Warden of the same, Which Petition being recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be numbered 157.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition from sundry Brethren, praying for a Warrant to hold a new Lodge in the City of Philadelphia, with directions to take into consideration the propriety of granting new Warrants in this City, and to report generally thereon, made report which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

"The Committee to whom was referred the Petition for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia, with directions to take into Consideration the propriety of granting new Warrants in this City and to report generally thereon, respectfully Report,

"That they have carefully, and with a single view to the best interests of the Craft, considered the several matters submitted to them, and are decidedly of opinion that applications for Warrants to hold Lodges in the City of Philadelphia should not be encouraged, but on the contrary ought to be discountenanced, unless under particular circumstances, making exceptions to a general rule. The evils attending a different practice are many and some of them of great magnitude, at this time disturbing the Harmony and threatening to jeopardize the very existence of the old Lodges. As, however, the Petitioners, in the fair and apparently well founded belief that a Warrant would be obtained as a matter of course, have withdrawn themselves from their Lodge, and

"the withholding a Warrant from them, under these circumstances, would operate in some respects retroactively, and therefore hardly, your Committee are of opinion for this reason, and for this reason alone, that the Prayer of their Petition should be granted.

"Your Committee conclude by offering the following resolutions:

"Res., That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.

"Res., That at present it is inexpedient to encourage the establishment of New Lodges in the City of Philadelphia, and that no Warrant for that purpose be hereafter granted, unless under particular circumstances."

(Sign'd)

"JOS. BARNES.

"SAM^L. F. BRADFORD.

"THO^A. ELLIOTT.

"JAMES HARPER, JR.

"J. RANDALL."

Which Report was adopted. The prayer of which Petition was for holding a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia under the name of "Meridian Sun," and that Brother John H. Starr might be named the first Worshipful Master; Brother John King, the first Senior Warden, and Brother James Elliott, the first Junior Warden of the same. On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 158.

A Petition was received and read from divers Ancient York Master Masons, praying for a Warrant for holding a New Lodge in the Town of Danville, in the County of Columbia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to be named "Columbia Lodge," and that Brother Michael Rafferty might be named Worshipful Master; William Brewer, Senior Warden, and Simeon Kipp, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due Form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 159.

A Petition from divers ancient York Master Masons was received and read stating that for the convenience of those, who do not understand the English Language, they are desirous to form themselves into a Lodge to work in the French Language, to be called "La Reconnaissance," and praying this Grand Lodge to grant them a Warrant for holding a New Lodge in the City of Philadelphia, under the above name and that Brother Stephen P. Barbier might be named Worshipful Master ; Brother Bazile Perroteau, Senior Warden, and Brother Charles a Dros, Junior Warden of the same ; and also praying for permission to carry on the Labours of the said Lodge in the French Language. Which Petition was in due Form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of this Grand Lodge.

A Petition was receiv'd and read from Bro. Louis Foulon, late of Lodge N^o. 81, and Louis Jouis, of Lodge N^o. 9, Complaining against the above Petitioners for a Warrant and praying the Grand Lodge not to grant them a Warrant until an investigation had taken place into the causes of their complaint. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the above Petition and Complaint be referred to Brothers Kerr, Houard, Dahlgreen, Ash and N. R. Potts, to inquire and make report.

It was on Motion, Resolved, that the resolution respecting Brothers Robert Findlay and James M. Riddle, passed by this Grand Lodge on the 3rd day of November last, and the Amendment thereto passed on the 27th December last, be reconsidered.

On Motion it was resolved, that the further consideration of the said Resolution be postponed.

Brother Dahlgreen offered for the consideration of the Grand Lodge the following amendment to the 22nd regulation of the Grand Lodge :

"In the first line strike out the word 'two,' and insert the word 'one.'" Ordered to be laid on the Table.

A Petition was received and read from sundry Members of Lodge N^o. 91, held in the City of Philadelphia, stating that on

the 4th Monday of January last, Augustus Cushing, a Petitioner for Initiation into the Mysteries of Free Masonry, was rejected in said Lodge, that the Petitioners were all the Members of the said Lodge who were present when the balloting took place; that the Petitioners now know no reason why the said Petitioner should not be made a Mason, and praying that permission be granted to Lodge N^o. 91, to go into a New Ballott on the Petition of Augustus Cushing.

Also, a Resolution of Lodge N^o. 91, passed on the 23rd day of February last, was received and read, praying that leave be granted to said Lodge to go into another ballot for Augustus Cushing. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that Lodge N^o. 91 be, and hereby is Authorized to go into a New ballot on the Petition of Augustus Cushing, an Applicant to said Lodge for Initiation into the Mysteries of Free Masonry, and if duly approved of, to Initiate and admit him to Membership.

A Communication dated 14 January last, from Bro. George Haller, late W. Master of Lodge N^o. 123, held in the Borough of York, York County, Pennsylvania, was read, stating all the Members of said Lodge except three or four had left the place, that the Members left were not able to open a Lodge, that nothing has been done in said Lodge for upwards of twelve Months, that all the Implements, &c., of the Lodge were in his possession, and wished to forward them to the Grand Lodge until such times as there should appear a more favourable opportunity for Masonry to flourish in that place. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to write to Bro. Haller, and request him to transmit to him the Warrant, Jewells, &c., of said Lodge.

A Communication was received from the Hall Committee and read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers
"and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Hall Committee amidst their other duties have taken

"into consideration the present state of the Lodge and Chapter rooms, not only as regards the preservation of their decorations, but as respects the comfort and convenience of the Members when assembled, and having particularly Examined those apartments, they find,

"That in consequence of the almost total Exclusion of a fresh supply of Air during the Session of the Lodges, and no provision having been made for the Escape of the smoke and foul air, as well as the dust from the stoves, &c., These have caused the walls, (the painting), ornaments and hangings to be considerably injured, by being injuriously covered with dust and Soot, whereby much trouble and expense will in a short period be requisite to repair them. In consequence of the same cause in the case of crowded assemblages, the air of the Lodge room has been experienced extremely oppressive, (not to add unwholesome). In order to remedy these serious inconveniences and many others connected therewith, Your Committee beg leave to suggest the propriety of adopting the following Resolution, or some other to the following effect, viz :

"Resolved, that the Hall Committee be Authorised and empowered to cause Two, or more if found necessary, ventilators to be placed in the ceiling of the Lodge and Chapter rooms, or such other place as may be deemed most effectual in order to carry off the foul air and offensive smoke, &c., and that the said Committee at the same time cause the Walls and hangings to be properly cleaned.

(Sign'd)

"HENRY CARTER.

"J. M^oALPIN.

"FRED^r. ERRINGER.

"JOHN DARRAGH.

"ALPHONSO C. IRELAND."

"Committee Room."

"March 2nd, 1818."

On Motion the Resolution contained in the foregoing Communication was adopted.

A Communication was receiv'd and read from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, containing an account of their proceed-

ings in November, 1817. Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

A Communication was receiv'd and read from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, containing an Account of their Proceedings in August, 1817. Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

The following returns, &c., of Lodges were presented and read, viz :

Lodge N^o. 25, held at Bristol. Election Returns for several years. Return of Members, containing the rejection of T—— W——, and expulsion of J—— J——. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 43, held at Lancaster. Election Return. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members, containing the rejection of S—— W——, and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 75, held in Charlestownship, Chester Coty. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 81, held at Germantown. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 91, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members, containing the Expulsion of P—— E. W——, and the re-instatement of Joseph T. Hallowell. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 104, held in Leacock Township, Lancaster County. Election Return. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 114, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N^o. 121, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 126, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 127, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members, containing the re-instatement of Adam Comman, and the Expulsion of P—— G——. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 128, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members, containing the suspension of J—— T——,

J—— L——, R—— S——, J—— G——, J—— D——,
M—— M^cG——, I—— W——. Account of Grand Lodge
dues.

Lodge N^o 141, held in Halifax, Dauphin County. Election
Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge
dues.

Lodge N^o 143, held at Chambersburg. Election Return.
Return of Members, containing the rejections of P——
H—— and J—— I——. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 151, held at Allentown. Election Return. Re-
turn of Members, containing the rejection of D^r. J——
H—— and A—— R——.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye
Laws of Lodge N^o 121, held at Philadelphia, which was read
and is as follows, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penn^a :

“The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred the
“Bye Laws of Union Lodge, N^o 121, held at Philadelphia,
“Respectfully Report,

“That they have carefully examined the same and recom-
“mend that they be adopted.

“Philadelphia, November 27, 1817.

(Sign'd)

“GEORGE A. BAKER,

“NATHⁿ. R. POTTS,

“TH^a. MANNING,

} Committee.”

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws
of Lodge N^o 127, held at Philadelphia, which was read and is
as follows, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penn^a:

“The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred for
“examination the Bye Laws of ‘Philanthropy Lodge,’ N^o 127,
“held at Philadelphia,
“Respectfully Report,

“That they have carefully examined the same and recom-
“mend that they be adopted with the following alterations,
“viz :

"In article 3rd, after the word 'Brethren' in the third line, strike out 'unless he be a Member of the Lodge.'

"In article XI., after the word 'Dispensation' in the Second line, strike out the words 'from the Grand Lodge,' and insert 'for that purpose obtained agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge.'

"Philadelphia, November 27, 1817.

(Sign'd)	"GEORGE A. BAKER,	} Committee."
	"NATH ⁿ . R. POTTS,	
	"T. S. MANNING,	

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 145, which was read and is as follows:

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penn^a:

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred for Examination the Bye Laws of 'Church Hall Lodge,' No. 145, held in Wilkesburgh, Alleghany County,
"Respectfully Report,

"That they have carefully examined the same and recommend that they be adopted with the following alterations, viz:

"Article 13th. Strike out all that follows after the word 'Lodge' in the second line, and insert 'it shall be done agreeably to the manner directed by the 5th Section of the 2nd Chapter of the Ahiman Rezon, page 52, &c.'

"Article 14th. Strike out all that follows after the word 'order' in the first line.

"Article 17th. In the second line strike out 'Nights previous to each St John's Day,' and insert 'Night previous to St John the Evangelist's Day in December annually.' In the third line of the same article strike out the word 'each,' and in the fifth line of the same article strike out the word 'Six,' and insert 'twelve.'

"All which is respectfully submitted.

(Sign'd)	"GEORGE A. BAKER,	} Committee."
	"NATH ⁿ . R. POTTS,	

"Phila^a. 27 Nov^r. 1817."

Which Report was adopted.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 20 Minutes after 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday the 16th Instant at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 16th March, A. D. 1818, A. L. 5818.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

- " Joseph Barnes, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- " Thomas Elliott, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- " Josiah Randall, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.
- " Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " Alphonso C. Ireland, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " Isaac Levis, Grand Sword Bearer.
- " James M. Linnard, Grand Marshal.
- " John C. Tillinghast, Grand Pursuivant.
- " Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. P. Grand Master.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 8, 9, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 73, 84, 91, 114, 115, 121, 126, 130, 131, 132, 134, 139, 141, 147, 152, 154 and 155 represented.

Twenty Eight Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

A Petition was receiv'd and read from sundry Brethren, to whom this Grand Lodge granted a Warrant on the 2nd Instant, for holding a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia, under the name of "Meridian Sun Lodge," N^o 158, stating that Brother John King, who was named as Senior Warden in the said Warrant had departed this life, and praying that Brother James Elliott might be named as Senior Warden in the Warrant in the place of Brother King, deceased, and that Brother

John D. Ferguson might be named as Junior Warden in the said Warrant in the place of Brother Elliott, advanced to the Senior Warden's station. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petition be granted.

The Committee to whom were referred the Petition read in Grand Lodge the 2nd instant, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia, under the name "La Reconnaissance," the Labours whereof to be carried on in the French Language, and the Complaint against the said Petitioners made report which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"The Committee to whom were referred the Petition for a Warrant to hold a Lodge to be called 'La Reconnaissance,' and the remonstrance against the same, Respectfully Report,

"That after a full investigation of the subject, they are of Opinion, that no cause has been shewn why the prayer of the Petitioners for the Warrant should not be granted. They therefore respectfully offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia, in the French Language, to be called 'La Reconnaissance,' N^o be granted.

"Committee Room.

"March 13, A. L. 5813.

(Sign'd)

"L. HOUARD.

"BERNARD DAHLGREEN.

"MICHAEL W. ASH.

"NATⁿ. R. POTTS."

"The R. W. Grand Lodge S. P."

Which report and resolution were adopted, and On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 160.

The following returns, &c., of Lodges were presented and read, to wit:

Lodge N^o 114, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members, returning the expulsion of D—— M^cK——. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 131, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 142, held in Sadsbury, Chester County. Return to Dispensation for Constituting Lodge N^o. 142, was receiv'd and read, whereby it appeared that the said Lodge was duly Constituted on the 13th day of January last.

Lodge N^o. 150, held at Troy, Bradford County. Election Return. Return of Members.

Lodge N^o. 151, held at Allentown, Lehigh County. A Commission duly Executed bearing date the 20th day of January last, was receiv'd and read from Lodge N^o. 151, appointing Brother Henry Riesch, Proxy, to represent said Lodge in the Grand Lodge. Whereupon, Brother Riesch was recognized as Proxy.

Lodge N^o. 134, West of Schuylkill. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 155, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. A Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 155, was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

A Communication was receiv'd and read from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, containing an Account of their proceedings in October, 1817. Ordered to be deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

A Petition was receiv'd and read from Bro. E. C. Bethausen, late a Member of Lodge N^o. 125, held at Philadelphia, Complainining that said Lodge refused to repay him the Sum of Twenty Dollars loaned by him to said Lodge at the time of its formation, and praying the Grand Lodge to investigate the subject and cause justice to be done him, Which was referred to Brothers Thomas Elliott, Michael Nisbett and Randal Hutchinson, to enquire and make report.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 148, held in the Town of Northumberland, Northumberland County, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsy^a:-

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred for

“examination the Bye Laws of ‘Perseverance Lodge,’ N^o. 148,
“held in the Town of Northumberland, Northumberland
“County,

“Respectfully Report,

“That they have carefully examined the same, and recom-
“mend that they be adopted with the following alterations,
“viz :

“In article 3rd. strike out ‘No Brother who holds an office
“in any other Lodge of Master Masons shall be eligible to any
“office in this Lodge,’ and insert ‘No Brother shall be eligible
“to Membership in this Lodge while he continues a Member
“of any other Lodge.’

“Article 5th. to be altered so as to read as follows, viz :
“‘Any Person desirous of being initiated into the Mysteries
“of Masonry in this Lodge, shall present his Petition in writ-
“ing at a regular stated meeting, which shall be recommended
“by two Master Masons who are Members of the Lodge, and
“who shall at the time of presenting the Petition deposit with
“the Secretary the Sum of Five Dollars on account of the
“Initiation fee, which Petition shall contain the age, occupa-
“tion and place of residence of the Candidate. Whereupon,
“a Committee of Three Members shall be appointed, (from
“which the recommending Brethren shall be excluded), to in-
“quire into the Character and qualifications of the applicant
“and report thereon, when, if the Committee report in his
“favour, (his Petition having been presented One Month pre-
“viously), he shall be ballotted for, and if unanimously ap-
“proved of, Initiated and admitted a Member upon paying
“into the hands of the Senior Deacon the Sum of Ten Dollars,
“in addition to the Sum of Five dollars before paid, which
“the Deacon shall immediately pay to the Secretary. In case
“of the Candidate being rejected, the Money deposited shall
“be returned to him in a polite manner by one of the recom-
“mending Brethren ; but if he be approved of and neglects to
“attend for three regular stated meetings, the sum deposited
“shall be forfeited unless sufficient and satisfactory reasons be
“given for such neglect.

“Article 6th. In the last line strike out the word ‘two,’ and

"insert 'One.' In the same line strike out the letter 'S' in
"the word 'Negatives.'

"All which is respectfully submitted.

(Sign'd)

"GEORGE A. BAKER, }
"NATⁿ. R. POTTS, } Committee."

"Philadelphia,

"27 November, 1817."

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 152, held in the Borough of Easton, Northampton County, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylv^a:"

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred for
"examination the Bye Laws of 'Easton Lodge,' N^o 152, held
"in the Borough of Easton, Northampton County.

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have carefully examined the same, and recom-
"mend that they be adopted with the following alterations,
"viz :

"Strike out the whole of article fourteenth.

"Article 15th. Strike out 15th, insert 14.

"Article 16, Strike out 16, insert 15.

"Article 17, Strike out 17, insert 16.

"Article 18, Strike out 18, insert 17.

"Article 19, Strike out 19, insert 18.

"Article 20, Strike out 20, insert 19.

"In Article 20, Strike out all between the Words 'Majority'
"in the fourth line, and 'and' in the Sixth line.

"Philadelphia, November 27, 1817.

(Sign'd)

"GEORGE A. BAKER, }
"NATⁿ. R. POTTS, } Committee."
"T. S. MANNING, }

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge "West of Schuylkill," N^o 154, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylv^a:"

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred for examination the Bye Laws of 'Lodge West of Schuylkill,' N^o 154,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have carefully examined the same and recommend that they be adopted with the following alteration, viz :

"In the first rule of order, strike out all between the words 'Chair' in the first line, and 'the' in the third line.

"Philadelphia, November 27, 1817.

(Sign'd)

"GEORGE A. BAKER,
"NATH^l. R. POTTS, } Committee."
"T. S. MANNING,

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee appointed on the Complaint of Brother James Campbell against Lodge N^o 9, and also against Bro^r. Robert Shanes and Thomas Eager, made report which was read. Ordered to be laid on the Table, and the Committee discharged.

The Committee appointed on the Complaint of Brother Christian Brobst against Lodge N^o 100, held at Catawissa, made report which was read and is as follows, to wit :

"To the R. W. G. M., Officers and Brethren of the G. L. of "Penn^a:"

"The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of Br^r. Christian Brobst against Lodge N^o 100, beg leave to report,

"That they have examined said Communication and find it contains Six different charges, some of them against the Lodge collectively, others against individual Members.

"In order to bring the subject fully before the Grand Lodge, the Committee think it adviseable to notice the charges in the order in which they occur in Bro. Brobst's complaint.

"Charge 1st being against two of the Brethren of Lodge N^o 100, ought in the opinion of Your Committee to have been brought originally before that Lodge, and had the Lodge refused to do Justice in the case, an appeal would then have been proper to the Grand Lodge.

"Charge 2nd Accuses the Members with having taken the "Warrant and Jewells away from the Lodge room for improper purposes, without stating who the offenders were. "Whoever they may have been, the powers of the Lodge are "fully competent to punish them for any offence of that kind "they may have been guilty of. At the same time your "Committee would observe that the Constitution places the "Warrant under the special care of the Master, (in which "capacity Bro. Brobst then was), and any other person possessing it argues a want of care on his part.

"Charge 3rd is yet an undetermined state before Lodge N^o "100, and till that Lodge has passed upon it your Committee "think the G. Lodge ought not to interfere.

"Charge 4th Complains of his having been expelled unjustly by his Lodge. The Grand Lodge has reinstated him.

"Charge 5th Is also against some of the Members of his "Lodge, he should have brought his Complaint there originally.

"Charge 6th Is against Samuel Gingles, W. M. of Lodge N^o "100, for refusing to permit B^r. Brobst to take his Seat in the "Lodge after he has been reinstated by the Grand Lodge.

"Your Committee deem any comments on the conduct of "Bro. Gingles on this occasion unnecessary, as they are of "Opinion that any opposition to the will of the Grand Lodge "when fairly expressed, from any source however respectable, "calls loudly for the decided disapprobation of every good "Mason. They therefore offer the following resolution :

"Resolved, That Samuel Gingles, W. M. of Lodge N^o 100, "be cited to appear before this Grand Lodge on the First "Monday in June next, then and there to shew cause if any "he has, why he should not be expelled from the rights and "benefits of Masonry.

(Sign'd)

"JAMES HARPER, jun^r.

"LAMBERT KEATING.

"J. McALPIN."

Which report and resolution were adopted.

On Motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration

of the Original resolution and amendment thereto in the case of Robert Findley and James M. Riddle, when the following substitute offered therefor was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That Robert Findley and James M. Riddle, late Members of Lodge N^o 84, held at Somerset, in Pennsylvania, be cited by the Grand Secretary to shew cause, if any they have, in writing or otherwise to this R. W. Grand Lodge, on or before the first Monday in September, 1818, why they should not be expelled from the benefits of Masonry.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish Robert Findley and James M. Riddle with the substance of the charges against them.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock in the Evening, to meet again on Monday the 20th day of April next at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 20th April, A. D. 1818, A. L. 5818.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

- " Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " Thomas Pearson, R. W. Junior G. Warden, P. T.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " James McAlpin, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
- " Michael Nisbet, D. Grand Secretary, P. T.
- " James Campbell, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " Joseph S. Hopkins, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " Isaac Levis, Grand Sword Bearer.
- " Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
- " Walter Kerr, R. W. Past Grand Master.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 50, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 91, 113, 114, 121, 124, 125, 128, 180, 181, 189, 141, 152, 155, 158 and 160 represented.

Twenty Seven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Grand Lodge that he did on Monday, the 23rd day of March last past, agreeably to ancient form and usage, establish and Constitute a New Lodge to be held in the City of Philadelphia, under the name of "La Reconnaissance, N^o 160," and Installed the Worshipful Master and other Officers thereof.

The R. W. Worshipful Grand Master further stated that he did on Tuesday, the 31st day of March last past, agreeably to Ancient form and usage, constitute a New Lodge to be held in the City of Philadelphia, under the name of "Meridian Sun Lodge," N^o 158, and Installed the Worshipful Master and other Officers thereof.

The Grand Secretary stated that the Lease to Victor Guillou of certain parts of the New Hall would expire on the first day of May next. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Officers be appointed a Committee to Lease the lower parts of the New Hall as at present occupied by M^r. Guillou, to such Person or Persons, and upon such terms as they shall deem most advantageous for the Grand Lodge.

A Communication dated Quebec, 28th December, 1817, was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Lower Canada, containing the Names of the Grand Officers, &c., for the present year. Which was ordered to be filed.

A Communication dated April 14, 1818, was received and read from Lodge N^o 9, held at Philadelphia, Communicating the expulsion of S—— B. D——, for unmasonic conduct.

A Petition was received and read from S—— B. D——, appealing from the Vote of Expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o 9, which was referred to Brothers James M^cAlpin, Thomas Pearson and Benjamin Say, to inquire and make Report.

The following Returns, &c., were receiv'd and read, to wit: Lodge N^o 45, held at Pittsburgh. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of A. C. K—— for Theft, and of

J—— M^cM—— and S—— S——, for unmasonic conduct.

Lodge N^o 61, held at Wilkesbarre. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 103, held at the Havana. Election Return. Account of Grand Lodge dues and Return of Members, containing the Rejection of J—— F—— C——.

Lodge N^o 144, held at Milton. Election Return, &c., also, communication of the Rejection of J—— S——. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was also presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and Report.

Lodge N^o 149, held at Montrose. Election Return. Account of Grand Lodge. Return of Members. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was also presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and report.

Lodge N^o 151, held at Allentown. A Communication of the rejection of J—— W—— by said Lodge was received and read.

Copies of the Bye Laws of Lodges N^o 158 and 160, held at Philadelphia, were presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge N^o 43, held at Lancaster, communicating the rejection of James O'Flaherty in said Lodge on the 8th day of April instant.

A Communication was also received and read from a Number of Brethren, Members of said Lodge N^o 43, protesting against the rejection of the said James O'Flaherty, stating the particular facts relative to the case, representing that it was the intention of M^r. O'Flaherty to travel to New Orleans, and as they knew no reason whatever why he should be prohibited from enjoying the advantages of Masonry, but on the contrary could recommend him as a Man highly esteemed by the Citizens of Lancaster, and in every particular worthy of being Initiated into the Mysteries of Masonry, and therefore praying the Grand Lodge to take the case of James O'Flaherty in Consideration, annul the proceedings of Lodge N^o 43 on his Petition, and if possible to grant him a Dispensation to receive the three first degrees. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Vote of rejection against James O'Flaherty in Lodge N^o 43 be and hereby is rescinded, and that he have leave to withdraw his Petition from said Lodge.

Sundry documents were received and read from Lodge N^o 94, held at Greensburgh, relative to the Case of Logan and Murry in said Lodge.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the said Documents be referred to the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge on the Seventh day of April, 1817, to inquire, &c., into the Complaint of Logan against Murry, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to write to the Committee to urge them to proceed in the inquiry without delay.

Sundry Communications were also received and read from said Lodge N^o 64, whereby it appeared that in consequence of the dispute between Logan and Murry and other reasons, the said Lodge was under the necessity, on the 27th Day of December, 1816, after they had Elected their Officers for the ensuing Year, but without Installing them, of passing a Resolution to suspend the Labours of the Lodge until it should be deemed expedient to resume the same. That thereupon the said Lodge was closed and its Labours ceased. That upon a statement of their proceedings being made to the R. W. Grand Master, he directed the Members of the said Lodge to meet, install their Officers elect, proceed with their Labours, and make a Return of their proceedings to the Grand Lodge for confirmation. That in Virtue of the said direction from the R. W. Grand Master, the Brethren of the said Lodge assembled at Greensburg on the 11th day of August, 1817, opened the said Lodge and Installed the following Brethren Officers thereof, to wit:

John H. Wise, Worshipful Master.

James Armstrong, Senior Warden.

Robert Montgomery, Junior Warden.

William Jack, Treasurer.

David Cook, Secretary.

Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the said proceedings of Lodge N^o. 64 be sanctioned and approved.

The Committee appointed on the Complaint of E. C. Bethausen against Lodge N^o. 125, held at Philadelphia, made Report which was read and is as follows, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

“The Committee appointed on the Petition of E. C. Bethausen, Beg leave to Report,

“That they have attended to the duty assigned them and find that an application has been made by E. C. Bethausen, “to Lodge N^o. 125, on the same Subject he has Petitioned the “Grand Lodge. That Lodge N^o. 125 have not finally decided “on, but appear perfectly willing to give the application of “E. C. Bethausen due consideration, the Committee therefore “offer the following Resolution :

“Resolved, That the Petition of E. C. Bethausen be referred “to Lodge N^o. 125.

“Phila., April 20, 1818.’

(Sign’d)

“THO^s. ELLIOTT.

“R. HUTCHINSON.”

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of establishing an Uniform mode of Admission of Visitors in the Subordinate Lodges made Report, which was read and ordered to be laid on the Table.

The Committee of Correspondence to whom was referred the remonstrance and Protest of Ohio Lodge, N^o. 113, against raising the Grand Lodge dues, made Report which was read and is as follows, to wit :

“To the R. W. G. L. of Pennsylvania, &c.:

“The Committee of Correspondence to whom was referred “the remonstrance and protest of Ohio Lodge, N^o. 113, held “at Pittsburg,

“Beg leave to Report,

“That they have attended to the duty assigned them.

“In order to bring this subject more fully before the Grand “Lodge it may not be improper to revert to the period at

"which the Building of the New Hall commenced, the debt
"incurred during its progress, and the resources on which the
"Grand Lodge calculated for the redemption of that debt.

"The funds of the Grand Lodge having been exhausted in
"the course of the first Season after the building commenced,
"it was found necessary to have recourse to a Loan which was
"negotiated in the Year 1809, Amounting to Forty Thousand
"Dollars. Interest on which commenced on the 1st January,
"1810. This Sum being insufficient to complete the building,
"in August, 1811, the further sum of 20,000 Dollars was
"borrowed, and in January, 1813, in addition to the foregoing
"sums, 5000 Dollars was borrowed, 1000 Dollars had been
"borrowed in the mean time from some of the City Lodges,
"making in the whole the Sum of 66,000 Dollars.

"For the punctual payment of the Interest half yearly on
"the foregoing Loans, and the final redemption of the Debt
"as follows, to wit: (The first Loan in fifteen Years from the
"time it was borrowed, the second in twenty years and the
"third as soon thereafter as the Grand Lodge funds would ad-
"mit,) Three several Mortgages were given on the New Hall
"and Lot of Ground on which it is erected, in addition to
"which the *Masonic faith* and *honor* of the *Grand Lodge* was
"solemnly pledged as a further security for the faithful dis-
"charge of the aforesaid debt and Interest.

"Whatever opinions may have been or are now entertained
"with respect to the measures by which the debt was in-
"curred, are not now a subject of inquiry; it is sufficient for
"your Committee that the *faith* and *honor* of the Grand Lodge
"have been pledged to justify in their Opinion every honor-
"able exertion for its discharge.

"The late War in which Our Country was engaged, checked
"in some measure the growing prosperity of the institution
"and cut off some of the resources on which the Grand Lodge
"depended for the fulfillment of its engagements. Among
"those may be mentioned the deficiency of the rent of the
"Lower part of the New Hall and Cellars Amounting to be-
"tween 600 and 700 Dollars, and a further defalcation in 'on-
"sequence of the whole of the Lodges having discontinued the
"Use of the small room up stairs.

“It therefore became necessary to adopt measures to supply those deficiencies. The measures adopted have given rise to the present remonstrance and protest.

“Your Committee however, reposing full confidence in the honor and good wishes of the Country Lodges toward their parent Grand Lodge, and from the known respectability of many of the Members of which those Lodges are composed, entertain a firm belief that they would be among the last who would wish to see the Masonic faith and honor forfeited.

“The foregoing explanations accompanied with a statement of the very great exertions made and making by the City Lodges towards redeeming the faith of the Grand Lodge, it is believed will be perfectly satisfactory.

“Every Lodge meeting in the New Hall pays an Annual Rent of Seventy Dollars, Seven Dollars for every Initiation and One Dollar annual dues for each of its Members. In Conformity with those regulations there has been paid during the last year by One Lodge in this City, to the Grand Lodge, above 320 Dollars. The whole Amount paid by the City Lodges, (21 in Number), during the same period was 4789⁴²/₁₀₀ Dollars, all of which has been appropriated to the indispensable expences of the Grand Lodge, the payment of the Interest on the Loans and the sinking fund, nor can Your Committee dismiss this part of the subject without bearing honorable Testimony to the Conduct of *Many* of the City Lodges who have entirely abstained from refreshment at their meetings, for the purpose of enabling them to meet the Claims of the Grand Lodge and relieve the wants of their distressed Brethren who are always Numerous in a Large City like ours.

“From the prosperous state of the sinking fund which now exceeds 10,000 Dollars, and the additions made to it during the last year, Your Committee anticipate the redemption of the Debt at an earlier period than was expected at the time the Grand Lodge dues were last increased.

“Your Committee therefore offer the following resolution :

“Resolved, that the Grand Lodge cannot at present Con-

"sistently with its obligations comply with the request of
"Lodge N^o 113.

"Oct^r 6, 1817."

(Sign'd)

"B. NEWCOMB,
"JAMES HARPER, jr." } Committee."

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication from the G. Lodge of South Carolina, A. Y. M., containing "The Proceedings and Articles for the Union of the Two Grand Lodges in South Carolina," made Report which was ordered to be laid on the Table.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 9th, A. D. 1818, A. L. 5818.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Special Communication.

Present :

BRO. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

" Thomas Elliott, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" Josiah Randall, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

" Charles Budd, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

" William Haydock, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

" Isaac Levis, Grand Sword Bearer.

" Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant.

" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 8, 21, 45, 51, 71, 75, 103, 131, 134, 139, 141, 152 and 158 represented.

Fourteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at half past 3 o'clock in the Afternoon.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that he had convened the Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying before them a Petition he had received, praying for a Warrant to hold a new Lodge in the City of Havana, in the Island of Cuba.

A Petition was then read from divers Ancient York Master Masons, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the City of Havana, in the Island of Cuba, to be called "La Reconpensa de las Virtudes," and that Brother Manuel de la Torre might be named Worshipful Master; Brother Juan Muguel de Aguiar, Senior Warden, and Brother Vicente Perez, Junior Warden of the same.

Which Petition being duly recommended agreeably to the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, it was,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered No. 161.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 4 o'clock in the Afternoon.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 1st June, A. D. 1818, A. L. 5818.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

- " Thomas Elliott, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- " Josiah Randall, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " Michael Nisbet, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.
- " Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " Benjamin Say, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " James M. Linnard, Grand Marshal.
- " John C. Tillinghast, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 84, 114, 115, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139, 141, 144, 152, 155 and 158 represented.

Twenty Seven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at half past Seven o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly, adjourned Grand Quarterly and Grand Special Communications were read and approved.

A Petition was received and read from John Cills, who was communicated to this R. W. Grand Lodge on the 27th day of December last by Lodge N^o 3, held in the City of Philadelphia, as suspended for non-payment of dues, stating that he had withdrawn from said Lodge in the year 1813, and believing that he had been suspended through mistake, he submitted his case with the necessary documents to the Grand Lodge, hoping they would grant him such relief as they in their wisdom might think proper.

An extract from the Minutes of said Lodge was produced and read, whereby it appeared that the said John Cills had regularly withdrawn from said Lodge on the 18th May, 1813.

Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded, the following preamble and Resolutions were adopted, to wit :

Whereas, from the Testimony adduced to this Grand Lodge by Brother John Cills, it appears that he was erroneously suspended by Lodge N^o 3, therefore,

Resolved, that the proceedings of Lodge N^o 3, in the case of Brother John Cills, be and they are hereby reversed.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary furnish Brother Cills with a Copy of the above.

The Grand Officers who were appointed a Committee to Lease the Lower parts of the New Hall, Reported, that they had Leased the same to Victor Guillou for the term of Three Years from the First day of May last at the Annual Rent of Twelve Hundred Dollars payable quarterly, and had reserved for the Grand Lodge the same privileges reserved in the former Leases. That the Leases were duly executed by them and the said Victor Guillou on the said first day of May, and that

a Bond in the Sum of Six Thousand Dollars Conditioned for the payment of the said Rent and performance of the covenants contained in the said Lease had been Executed by the said Victor Guillou and his Security, Anthony Laussat. And which said Lease and obligation were presented by the Committee and approved of.

The Grand Secretary stated, that in Obedience to a Resolution of the Grand Lodge passed on the 16th day of March last, he had cited Brother Samuel Gingles, late W. Master of Lodge N^o. 100, held at Catawissa, to appear before the Grand Lodge this day to shew cause, if any he had, why he should not be expelled from the rights and benefits of Masonry.

A Letter from Brother Samuel Gingles, dated Catawissa, April 28, 1818, was then read acknowledging the service of the Citation, stating that at the time he received it he was on the verge of starting to the Westward, that it was almost impracticable for him to attend at the time mentioned to make his defence, and praying if possible for his trial to be postponed until September Communication. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That Brother Samuel Gingles be allowed until the First Monday in September next to appear and make his defence.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, containing an account of their proceedings in the Years 1816 and 1817. Which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge N^o. 2, Cincinnati, Ohio, and is in the words following, to wit:

“Cincinnati, April 16th, 1818.”

“Grand Secretary,

“Brother,

“Satisfactory testimony has been exhibited to this Lodge
“of M^r. John R. Fletcher, late W. Master of S^t John’s Lodge
“in the City of Baltimore, having been guilty of unmasonic
“conduct, of which we feel it a duty we owe to the fraternity,
“as well as Society generally, to apprise the several Lodges

"throughout the Country which he may be likely to visit, in order that they may guard against similar impositions.

"A short time before he left this place he made an excursion into the Country, where he was authorized by a gentleman of this Town to receive a Sum of Money for the benefit of an Orphan Girl, which on his return he stated had not been paid, but would be forwarded in a few days, since which it appears that he had received the Money at the time and has absconded with it. This, together with several circumstances of his having obtained Money from some of the brethren as well as others in this place under false pretences, impress a belief that he has departed from the square of Masonry, and rendered himself unworthy of the Countenance and support of the Masonic Society.

"Said Fletcher is about 5 feet 11 inches in height, well proportioned, appears to be between 30 and 35 years of Age, pitted with small pox, dark hair, brown complexion, near sighted, and very affable and agreeable in his manner and conversation.

"Certificates and affidavits of the facts above alluded to, will be furnished to any Lodge requiring the same on application to this Lodge.

"By order of Nova Caesarea, Harmony Lodge, N^o 2, Cincinnati.

(Sign'd)

"A. F. FERGUSON, Secretary.

"To the W. G. Secretary,

"The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."

Which was ordered to be laid on the Table.

The following Returns, &c., were received and read, to wit:

Communication of the Expulsion of S—— M—— by Lodge N^o 51, held at Philadelphia, for non-payment of dues.

Lodge N^o 100, held at Catawissa. Election Return. Account of Grand Lodge dues. Return of Members, containing the rejection of C—— K——, S—— W——, A—— C——, G—— B——, B—— S——, J—— G——, A—— M——, and the expulsion of R—— B——, for non-payment of dues.

Lodge N^o. 132, held in West Nantmeal Township, Chester County. Election Return. Account of Grand Lodge dues. Return of Members, Containing the expulsion of N—— C. S——, T—— O——, J—— W——, G—— O——, T—— D. R——, for non-payment of dues.

Lodge N^o. 144, held at Milton, Northumberland County. Election Return. Account of Grand Lodge dues. Return of Members, containing the rejection of L—— H——.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 144, held at Milton, in the County of Northumberland, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

“The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred for “examination the Bye Laws of ‘Charity Lodge,’ N^o. 144, held “in the Town of Milton, in the County of Northumberland, “Respectfully Report,

“That they have carefully examined the same, and recom-
“mend that they be adopted with the following alterations, to
“wit :

“In Section 3rd. Strike out the word ‘thereto’ in the 3rd
“line, and insert ‘to the regulations thereof,’ also in the same
“section strike out ‘No Brother who holds an Office in any
“other Lodge of Master Masons shall be eligible to any Office
“in this Lodge,’ and insert ‘No Brother shall be eligible to
“Membership in this Lodge while he continues a Member of
“any other Lodge.’

“Section 4th to be altered so as to read as follows, to wit :
“Any Person desirous of being Initiated into the Mysteries of
“Masonry in this Lodge shall present his Petition in writing
“at a regular stated meeting, which shall contain his Age,
“occupation and place of abode, and be recommended by at
“least two Master Masons who are Members of the Lodge and
“who shall deposit with the Petition the Sum of Five Dollars
“on account of the Initiation fee. Whereupon, a Committee
“of Three Master Masons shall be appointed, (from which the
“recommending Brethren shall be excluded), to inquire into
“the Character and qualifications of the applicant, who shall
“report the result of their inquiries in writing at the next

“stated night of meeting, if in their power so to do, and if
 “such report be favourable, he shall be ballotted for, and if
 “unanimously approved of, Initiated and admitted a Member
 “upon paying into the hands of the Treasurer the Sum of
 “Ten Dollars in addition to the Sum of Five Dollars deposi-
 “ted with the Petition, but if the report be unfavourable, he
 “shall not be admitted. In case of the Candidate being re-
 “jected, the Sum deposited shall be returned to him in a
 “polite manner by one of the recommended Brethren ; but if
 “he is approved of and neglects to attend for three regular
 “stated meetings, the Sum deposited shall be forfeited to the
 “use of the Lodge unless sufficient reasons be rendered for his
 “non-attendance.

“Section 6th to be altered so as to read as follows, to wit :
 “Any Mason Petitioning to become a Member of this Lodge,
 “must be recommended to a Committee appointed as in
 “Article 4th and the like proceedings had thereon. Provided,
 “however, that no such applicant shall be admitted to Mem-
 “bership until he shall have produced a Certificate from the
 “Lodge of which he was last a Member of his good standing
 “as a Mason, unless satisfactory reasons shall be given and
 “approved by the Lodge why such Certificates cannot be pro-
 “duced, and every Mason so admitted to Membership shall
 “pay the Sum of Two Dollars into the hands of the Treasurer.

“Section 8th, Strike out the word ‘Elect’ in the Sixth line,
 “and insert ‘Installed.’

“Section 14, Strike out the word ‘Brother’ in the first line,
 “and insert ‘Member.’

“Section 15th, Strike out the word ‘Brother’ in the first line,
 “and insert ‘Member.’

“Section 17th, Strike out the two first lines of this Section
 “and insert, ‘Every Member in good standing shall be en-
 “titled to receive a Certificate upon Application to the Master.’

“All which is respectfully submitted.

“Philadelphia, May 25th, 1818.”

(Sign’d)

“GEORGE A. BAKER,
 “T. S. MANNING,
 “MICHAEL NISBET, } Committee.”

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 149, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

“The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred for examination the Bye Laws of ‘Rising Sun Lodge, N^o 149,’ held at Montrose, Susquehanna County,

“Respectfully Report,

“That they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that they be adopted with the following alterations, to wit :

“Article 2nd. add the letter ‘s’ to the word ‘record’ wherever it occurs in this article.

“Article 7th. Strike out all that follows after the word ‘question’ in the 3rd line.

“Article 8th. Strike out the word ‘and’ in the eleventh line, and insert ‘which suspension and expulsion shall be.’

“Article 14th. Strike out all that follows after the word ‘favourable’ in the Ninth line.

“All which is respectfully submitted.

“Philadelphia, May 25th, 1817.

(Sign’d)

“GEORGE A. BAKER,
“T. S. MANNING,
“MICHAEL NISBET, } Committee.”

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 155, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

“The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred for Examination the Bye Laws of ‘Mount Moriah Lodge, N^o 156,’ held in the City of Philadelphia,

“Respectfully Report,

“That they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that they be approved of with the following alterations, to wit :

“In Article 8th. After the word ‘Dispensation’ in the “thirteenth line,’ strike out the word ‘from’ and insert ‘for

"that purpose obtained agreeably to the rules and regulations of."

"Philadelphia, May 25, 1818.

(Sign'd)

"GEORGE A. BAKER,
"T. S. MANNING,
"MICHAEL NISBET, } Committee."

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 158, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred for examination the Bye Laws of 'Meridian Sun Lodge, N^o 158,' held in the City of Philadelphia,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have carefully examined the same and recommend that they be adopted with the following alterations, to wit:

"In Article 4th, Strike out all that follows after the word 'order' in the 'third line.'

"In Article 13th, After the word 'Dispensation' in the second line strike out the word 'from,' and insert 'for that purpose obtained agreeably to the rules and regulations of,' and in the 'third' and 'fourth' lines of the same article strike out the words 'obtained from the Grand Lodge.'

"All which is respectfully submitted.

"Philadelphia, May 25, 1818.

(Sign'd)

"GEORGE A. BAKER,
"T. S. MANNING,
"MICHAEL NISBET, } Committee."

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 160, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred the Bye Laws of Lodge 'La Reconnaissance, N^o 160,' held in the City of Philadelphia,

“Respectfully Report,

“That upon examination they find a Number of the Articles
“provided for in the Ahiman Rezon, others not in conformity
“with the ancient usages of the Craft, and some others that
“your Committee think would have been better, not to have
“been written.

“They therefore offer the following :

“Resolved, that the W. Master of Lodge ‘La Reconnaissance’ be requested to call upon Brother Grand Secretary
“and receive back the Bye Laws presented to this R. W.
“Grand Lodge, and Your Committee would recommend to
“the Brethren of Lodge N^o 160, to deliver both Copies to
“Brother Grand Secretary to be destroyed.

“Resolved, that the Brethren of Lodge ‘La Reconnaissance’
“be requested to prepare another Code of Bye Laws to conform with the ancient usages of Masonry and the regulations
“of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, and to accompany
“the same with a translation into English.

“All which is respectfully submitted.

(Sign’d)	“GEORGE A. BAKER,	} Committee.
	“T. S. MANNING,	
	“MICHAEL NISBET,	

“Philadelphia, May 30, 1818.”

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee appointed on the Appeal of S—— B. D——
from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o 9,
made Report which was read and is as follows, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand
“Lodge of Pennsylvania :

“The Committee appointed on the Petition of S. B. D——,
“Report,

“That after notifying the parties interested, and a full examination into his objections to the decision of Lodge N^o 9,
“and the charges brought against him, they are decidedly of
“opinion that the conduct of S—— B. D—— has fully warranted the proceedings of Lodge N^o 9.

“The Committee respectfully beg leave to offer the subjoined resolution.

"Resolved, that the Grand Lodge approve of the proceedings and decision of Lodge N^o 9, in the case of the expulsion of S—— B. D——.

"J. McALPIN,
"THO^s PEARSON,
"BENJAMIN SAY."

"Philad^a, 28 May, 1818."

Which Report and Resolution were adopted.

A Memorial was received and read from Lodge N^o 51, held in the City of Philadelphia, and is in the words following, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania:

"The Memorial of the undersigned Officers of Lodge N^o 51, held in the City of Philadelphia, in behalf of said Lodge, Respectfully representeth,

"That at the recommendation of the Grand Committee of Charity of your Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, bearing date the 17th day of February, 1798, our Lodge aforesaid paid into the hands of the R. W. G. Treasurer the sum of Ten Guineas towards a larger subscription then proposed to be made by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge to the Dispensary of the City of Philadelphia, in consideration whereof, Lodge N^o 51 became entitled to send two patients for relief to that institution.

"That on the 18th February, 1799, the R. W. G. Master did on behalf and in the name of the Grand Lodge subscribe fifty Guineas, (including the 10 Guineas received from Lodge N^o 51), to the said City Dispensary, for the perpetual admission of Ten Patients.

"That on the 3rd Feb^y, 1817, in consequence of an offer on the part of the City Dispensary accepted by the R. W. Grand Lodge, the said Fifty Guineas were repaid to the Grand Treasurer, and the privilege of recommending patients to that institution ceased. And it will further appear on reference to the records of the R. W. G. Lodge, that on the 3rd

"of March, 1817, on the Report of a Committee appointed on
"that subject, your honourable body Resolved, that it was in-
"expedient to invest the said sum in any of the existing dis-
"pensaries.

"In consequence of the aforesaid proceedings the subject
"was duly considered by a Committee of Lodge N^o 51, to
"whom it was referred, who on the 26th day of March last
"past, made report as follows :

"With a reference therefore to the aforestated facts, and in
"order to enable Lodge N^o 51 to extend its Charity com-
"mensurate with its means.

"Resolved, That in consequence of the return to the Grand
"Lodge of the sum subscribed to the City Dispensary, the
"right of this Lodge, (N^o 51), to recommend two patients to
"that institution has ceased, the Right Worshipful Grand
"Lodge be respectfully requested to place the 10 Guineas paid
"by this Lodge for that object to its Credit against the Grand
"Lodge dues of the Current Year.

"Resolved, also, that the officers of the Lodge be and are
"hereby requested accordingly to apply to the R. W. G.
"Lodge in a Memorial setting forth the aforestated facts, and
"to be signed by them in behalf of the Lodge.

"The said Resolutions having been adopted, it has devolved
"on the undersigned to make the foregoing representation,
"and in conformity with the first resolution to solicit that the
"R. W. G. Lodge may be pleased to order and direct that the
"sum of Ten Guineas paid as aforesaid, to them for the pur-
"poses aforesaid, and which has been duly refunded to the
"Grand Lodge by the Dispensary, shall be passed to the
"Credit of Lodge N^o 51, in the Books of the Treasurer of the
"Grand Lodge against the Grand Lodge dues of the current
"year.

"And the undersigned respectfully, &c.

(Sign'd)

"J. McALPIN, W. M.

"WILLIAM MILNOR, j^r. S. W.

"W^m. BOYD, J. W.

"Philad^a. May 28th. A. D. 1818."

Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the said Memorial be referred to Brothers James Harper, jun^r, John C. Tillinghast and Benjamin Say, to inquire generally and make report.

The following Resolution was offered and ordered to be laid on the Table :

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be requested to empower such of the Brethren as he may think fit, already appointed or hereafter to be appointed, to visit the different Lodges pursuant to a Resolution of the Grand Lodge passed the 20th October, 1817, to grant dispensations in Cases of emergency for Entering, Passing and Raising persons to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and also for Passing Master Masons to the Chair in the several Lodges within their respective districts, requiring them respectively to make due and regular returns from time to time of their proceedings in the premises, and to transmit with such returns the price of each Dispensation which they shall so grant respectively.

A Communication was receiv'd and read from Columbia Lodge, N^o 91, held at Philadelphia, and is in the words following, to wit :

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

"The undersigned beg leave respectfully to state, that at "the last regular meeting of Columbia Lodge, N^o 91, they "were appointed, pursuant to a resolution of said Lodge, a "Committee to wait on your Right Worshipful Body and endeavour to obtain permission to have a bracket placed in "some suitable part of this *Hall*, to support a *Bust* of your late "*worthy and justly lamented* Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, George A. Baker, Esquire, the Bust being a donation "to the Fraternity from a Son of the deceased Brother, John "L. Baker.

"With sentiments of respect and fraternal affection, we remain, &c.

(Sign'd)

"HENRY G. FREEMAN.

"S. BADGER.

"GEO. DENNISON."

"Philad^a, June 1st A. L. 5818."

Which was ordered to be laid on the Table.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half past Ten o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 15th June, A. D. 1818, A. L. 5818.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Special Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

- “ Joseph Barnes, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- “ Thomas Elliott, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- “ Josiah Randall, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- “ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- “ Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
- “ Joseph E. Bowen, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- “ Nathan Bunker, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- “ John H. Tillinghast, Grand Pursuivant.
- “ Joseph Burden, R. W. Past Senior Grand Warden.
- “ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 21, 45, 51, 52, 9, 59, 62, 71, 72, 91, 121, 126, 130, 181, 75, 103, 139, 141, 152, 154, 155 and 73 represented.

Twenty Four Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample Form at 8 o'clock in the Evening.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that he had convened the Grand Lodge this Evening, for the purpose of laying before them a Communication which he had received from Lodge N^o 103, held at Havana. The Communication was then read and is as follows, to wit :

“Havana, 10th May, Anno Lucis 5818.

“Report from Lodge N^o 103, ‘El Temple de las Virtudes “Teologales,’ to Worshipful Brother Joseph S. Lewis, her

"worthy Proxy in the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of
"Pennsylvania, Viz :

"In the Month of February last a Frenchman, an Advent-
"urer of the Name of Joseph De Glock, after visiting several
"Cities in the United States, Philadelphia included, arrived
"here from Charleston. Immediately on his arrival he made
"the greatest exertions to discover if any Lodges existed here,
"and consequently obtained sufficient information to be in-
"troduced to me and to our Brother Secretary. At our first
"interview, he showed us a Number of Certificates of his
"Masonic degrees to 33, granted to him by the Sovereign
"Grand Consistory of Grand Inspectors Generals of the 33^d
"degree of France held at Paris, and in one of those Docu-
"ments we saw powers vested in him to make Masons, estab-
"lish Lodges, Councils of Princes Rose Croix R. I., and a
"Consistory of higher degrees wherever he should think most
"proper. This made us suspect not a little of the kind of
"Masonry he professed, for the concession of such powers were
"in our opinion a downright prostitution of our most honour-
"able order. We tried him as high as ancient Master Mason
"and he proved correct, but on attempting to go farther we
"found him absolutely ignorant of our high degrees, which
"circumstance increased our suspicions. Few days afterwards
"he requested me to call at his room to have some conversa-
"tion upon a very important subject. I did so, and in the
"course of our conference he proposed that we should estab-
"lish here a sovereign Grand Consistory of the 33^d degree, or
"as he meant, a Grand Lodge of his Masonry, which is the
"*Ecosaise* or Scotch Masonry. I absolutely rejected his over-
"tures and left him to bewail the failure of his attempt.
"Some days after he sent to Lodge N^o 103 a most insulting
"Note, stating that in France and even in England, Master
"Masons Lodges were composed of the lowest order of the
"Nation and despised by Masons of the high degrees he *de-*
"*scribed* to us ; that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania through
"policy, kept us in a State of Ignorance which we ought now
"to dissipate, adopting his scheme, and that we would thereby
"communicate with the highest Masonic Characters in
"Europe, &c.

“Only those that know our invariable steadiness and the
“veneration we pay to ancient Masonry, can judge of the con-
“tempt with which we heard those Malignant and insidious
“maxims. I appointed a Committee of three expert Members
“to take into consideration this serious affair, and they in a
“very Masterly Manner framed a very proper answer to Glock
“consistent with our dignity.

“Glock at last having obtained a passport, sailed to Vera-
“cruz from whence he intended to go to the City of Mexico,
“to offer his services as a Volunteer Officer in the Royal
“Army, and we are glad enough to get rid of him.

“However few days ago we were highly surprised by a re-
“port that a Clergyman of this City, (who has for a long time
“resided in France, and was there initiated in Masonry, un-
“doubtedly *Maconerie Ecossaise*), in Union with some Brethren
“who Glock during his stay here initiated privately in the
“high degrees of his Masonry at One Dollar $\frac{7}{8}$ a degree, had
“formed themselves into a Consistory and constituted under
“its authority some Lodges of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees, with
“no other powers but those granted to Glock by the Sovereign
“Grand Consistory of France. As far as we have been able
“to ascertain, Glock endorsed his above mentioned Diploma
“to One or more of those Brethren, and performed the sham
“installation of the Consistory, which proceedings we consider
“as irregular and inconsistent with the principles and practice
“of Ancient Masonry.

“The secret agents of the Consistory and its subordinate
“Lodges have by the most persuasive means attracted to their
“standard, a Number of unwary brethren mostly from Lodge
“N^o. 7, ‘la Union fraternal de Caridad,’ under the Jurisdic-
“tion of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, but none of the
“effective Members of Lodge N^o. 103. We are all trusty
“and firm ancient York Masons, and acknowledge no other
“Masonry.

“On the 6th Inst. we held an extra meeting and passed the
“following resolution, which has been duly notified to all the
“Members that were not present.

“W. L. N^o. 103, ‘el Temple de las Virtudes Teologales,’

“Ancient York Masons, Constituted under the authority of
“the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

“Circular.

“This W. L. having been informed of the establishment of
“some irregular Lodges in this City, has resolved at an extra
“Meeting held this day, that if any of her Members should
“commit the censurable irregularity of visiting the aforesaid
“irregular Lodges or holding Masonic Communications with
“them or their Members, they will be interdicted this Lodge,
“divested of the privileges and prerogatives of regular Masons,
“and subject to the penalty, which with the Approbation of
“the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, will be imposed
“upon them as transgressors of the most sacred precepts of
“our ancient and honourable fraternity ; And that none may
“plead ignorance, we have ordered this resolution to be duly
“notified.

“Lodge N^o 157, Constituted under the authority of the R.
“W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and intimately connected
“with Lodge N^o 103, will I presume adopt the same measure,
“and the Brethren of ‘la recompensa de las Virtudes,’ under
“Petition for a Charter of Constitution, stand firm at our side
“to form an impenetrable barrier against the above mentioned
“irregularities.

“The Members of the Consistory in recommendation of
“their Institution *sustain*, (that their Masonry) (*ancienne*
“*Maconerie Ecossaise* or ancient Scotch Masonry), is exceed-
“ingly more ancient than the Masonry of York, and that their
“degrees of Prince of Jerusalem, Rose Croix, R. *, Prince of
“the Royal Secret and Grand Inspector General of the 33^d de-
“gree, their highest are by far more august and sublime than
“our Royal Arch. Their persuasions, the attraction of those
“decorations and the novelty of the thing, may mislead some
“weak unexperienced brethren, but not the sturdy Mason who
“considers our ancient institution in its true light.

“The Lodges of E. A., F. C., and Master Mason under the
“sham authority of the Consistory, have as a greater stimula-

“tion lowered the fees of Initiation to less than one-half of
“those established by Lodge N^o. 103, and the other regular
“Lodges of ancient York Masons in this City.

“We are told that the Consistory have forwarded circular
“notifications of its establishment to all the Grand Lodges in
“the United States, (the G. L. of Pennsylvania particularly),
“and to several in Europe. How this communication will be
“admitted we know not.

“Our situation is truly painful and needs our uttermost
“perseverance to sustain the principles of Ancient Masonry
“which we profess. To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylv-
“vania we must appeal for a very prompt and efficacious
“remedy.

“1st. We request a correct and extensive explanation of the
“difference between the Maconerie Ecossaise and Ancient
“York Masonry as respects date, &c., to meet and destroy the
“assertions of the Members of the Consistory.

“2^{ndly}. Should this establishment be, (as we strongly believe
“it is), irregular and inconsistent with the principles of our
“ancient order, we hope that the R. W. Grand Lodge of
“Pennsylvania will exert her powerful influence with the
“Other Grand Lodges of the United States and those of
“Europe, to discountenance in an efficacious manner the pro-
“ceedings of that Society, and lastly that the G^d. Lodge will
“furnish us with every kind of instruction on this important
“subject, and point out to us the course we must follow.

“This we know is a troublesome task, but our circumstances
“must be considered and speedily attended to for the preserva-
“tion of Ancient Masonry in this City and Island. We will
“very willingly pay the Cost, (be it ever so high), of the extra
“labours necessarily consequent to our request, which I hope
“may be immediately granted; and we beg that every answer
“or Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn-
“sylvania on this delicate affair, be duly certified and attested
“by the Grand Secretary. 18th May.

“Since writing the above we have at our stated meeting of
“yesterday receiv’d the following Communication from the
“Consistory, Viz:

"To the Glory of the Grand Architect of the Universe.

"East of Havana, 29th day of the 2nd Masonic Month, Year
"of the Restoration 5878, and of True Light 5818.

"To the W. Master, Officers and Members of Temple de las
"Virtudes Teologalas, N^o 103 :

"Health, Union, Strength.

"Know Ye that we the sublime and Valient Princes of the
"Royal Secret, having some Months ago formed and elevated
"a supreme Grand Consistory of the 32^d degree of the Ancient
"Scotch rite, and Constituted the Seven Lodges or Classes,
"proceeded to the Installation of a Sovereign Chapter of Rose
"Cross, R. ✱ and another of Areopagites, with due solemnity.
"We therefore pray you to notify to all the Members of Your
"Lodge, the installation of our supreme Grand Consistory and
"of our aforesaid Sovereign Chapters, that they may thereby
"know that we exclusively have the power of elevating in a
"regular form and granting Constitutional Charters of the
"ancient Scotch rite, and that consequently we will deem
"irregular whatever may be established and constituted in
"this City without our approbation.

"We at the same time pray you to be assured of our wishes
"to serve and aid all our brethren, &c., &c., &c., &c.

"Your affectionate Brethren,

"Manuel de Oliva,

"President, Grand Sovereign Prince

"of the Royal Secret and Sovereign

"Grand Inspector, 33.

"Jose Uber,

"Grand Chancellor, 32.

"Eulogio de Villaurrutia.

Seal

M. E. 32.

A two headed Eagle
holding a naked sword
horizontally in her
Claws.

"By order of the Supreme Grand
"Consistory.

"Manuel Bernudas,

"Grand Secretary, 32.

"Notes. Manuel Oliva is the Clergyman already mentioned.

"Eulogio de Villaurrutia, is an Officer in the Army. He
"was initiated in our Lodge in the Month of October last,

"and withdrew at the beginning of Feb^r following, to join
"some Brethren who intended to have Petitioned the G. L.
"of Louisiana for a Warrant of Constitution to establish a
"new Lodge in this City.

"Manuel Bermuder, also an Officer in the Army, was Initi-
"ated in Dec^r last in Lodge N^o. 7, La Union Fraternal Cari-
"dad.

"Jose Uber, we are sorry to say, is one of the oldest Mem-
"bers of Lodge N^o. 103. We did some time ago exempt him
"from the payment of Monthly dues in consideration of his
"narrow Circumstances, and although he has not attended
"our Meetings during the last Three Years on acc^t of his
"very advanced age and constant infirmities, we have always
"kept him on our list as an effective Member.

"Brethren Villaurrutia, Bermuder and Uber, were privately
"raised by Glock to the several degrees of his Masonry as high
"as the 32^d.

"A long and interesting discussion ensued, and it was
"finally resolved that this W. Lodge should not answer said
"communication. A translation thereof was ordered to be
"added to the foregoing report, and complying with the
"rules of politeness, we appointed one of our Members to in-
"form the Chief of the Consistory verbally, in the name of
"this W. Lodge, that we could not proceed on this delicate
"affair without consulting our Grand Lodge.

"Queries.

"The Consistory being irregular, we know that we are ab-
"solutely forbidden to have communication with it. What
"penalty shall we impose on a Member who commits the
"irregularity of visiting said assemblies or becoming a Mem-
"ber thereof?

"Should the Consistory be legally constituted, could we
"have Masonic communication with it?

"There is a Sovereign Grand Consistory and Supreme
"Council of Grand Inspectors General of the 33^d degree, es-
"tablished at New York, and much information may be de-
"rived from that source respecting Glock and the propriety
"or impropriety of his proceedings.

"Our fund is open to pay every expense, (be it ever so high), consequent to our request.

(Sign'd)

"JOSE MARIA CANALEJO,

"W. Master Lodge N^o 103."

On Motion made and Seconded, the foregoing Communication from Lodge N^o 103 was referred to a Committee consisting of Brothers Barnes, Elliott, Randall, Baker, Lewis, Tybout, Bradford, Branu and Ja^s Harper, Ju^r to inquire and make report.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be requested to extend the Powers heretofore granted to Brother Jose Maria Canalejo, W. Master of Lodge N^o 103, to any other Lodge now Constituted or hereafter to be Constituted in the Island of Cuba, under the Jurisdiction of Our R. W. Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday the Sixth day of July next at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S DAY, Philadelphia, Wednesday, 24th June, A. D. 1818, A. L. 5818.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

" Joseph Barnes, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

" Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

" Joseph R. Hopkins, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" James B. Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

" Richard Mackie, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

" Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant.

" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 45, 71, 72, 59, 128, 134, 139, 141 and 153 represented.

Thirteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample Form at half past Ten o'clock, A. M.

The following Returns, &c., of Lodges were presented and read, to wit:

Lodge No. 66, held in Carnarvon, Berks County. Election Return. Account of Grand Lodge dues and Return of Members, containing the Expulsion of J—— S——.

Lodge No. 71, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the reinstatement in said Lodge of William Glasgo, who had been suspended for non-payment of dues in Dec^r. 1815.

Lodge No. 147, held at Bethany, Wayne County. Election Return. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues. Also, an Extract from the Minutes of said Lodge was receiv'd and read, and is as follows, viz:

"Freedom Lodge No. 147.

"Stated Meeting, May 26th. A. L. 5818, A. D. 1818.

"On Motion, Resolved Unanimously, that D—— A——, "late a Member of this Lodge and Worshipful Master of the "same, has absconded out of the Jurisdiction of this Lodge, "and in consequence can no longer be considered as Worship- "ful Master thereof.

"Resolved Unanimously, that brother Benjamin Raymond "be and act as Worshipful Master of this Lodge until next "election.

"Resolved Unanimously, that D—— A——, late a Member "of this Lodge and Master Mason, for a course of conduct, "grossly immoral, dishonest and unmasonic, be, and he "hereby is expelled from this Lodge, and from every other "Lodge with which this Lodge has any connection or fellow- "ship.

"Resolved Unanimously, that the Expulsion of D—— "A—— be published in the Wayne County Mirror accom- "panied with a request to the Editors of Newspapers through- "out the United States to give the same one or two insertions "in their respective papers.

"Extract from the Minutes.

(Sign'd)

"I. S. DAVIS, Secretary."

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the above Communication from Lodge N^o 147 be referred to Brothers Barnes, Potts and M^cCorkle to inquire and make report.

Lodge N^o 151, held at Allentown. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and make report.

Lodge N^o 157, held at the Havana. Return to Dispensation for Constituting Lodge N^o 157, held at the Havana, was receiv'd and read, whereby it appeared that the said Lodge was duly Constituted on the 3rd day of May last.

Grand Lodge was closed in Harmony at half past 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 6th, A. D. 1818, A. L. 5818.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Special Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

" Thomas Elliott, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" Josiah Randall, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

" Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

" Isaac G. Hannum, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

" Samuel Black, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

" Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant.

" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 21, 45, 59, 67, 71, 72, 75, 91, 103, 114, 115, 125, 127, 130, 134, 139, 141, 154 and 155 represented.

Thirteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 8 o'clock in the Evening.

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication

from Lodge N^o. 103, held at the Havana, made report which was read, amended, adopted as amended, and is as follows, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penn.:

“The Committee to whom was referred the Communication
“of Lodge N^o. 103, held at Havana,

“Respectfully Report,

“That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and
“offer the following as the result of their enquiries and de-
“liberations :

“It appears that a person by the name of de Glock arrived
“here in the Year 1817, and after having made himself
“known to several Masons in the City, he became an appli-
“cant for Charity to the Lodges generally ; that some Persons
“who stood high in the Institution having interested them-
“selves in his behalf, almost all the Lodges in the City con-
“tributed towards his relief ; that shortly after this, he pro-
“fessed himself to possess very high authority in Masonry
“from what he called the Grand Consistory of France, al-
“though at first when he attempted to work himself into our
“Lodges he could not give evidence of any knowledge beyond
“the degree of Master Mason.

“That in Virtue of these Authorities he actually made a
“Person a Mason, for which he received Twenty Dollars, and
“conscious that the transaction was wrong, *swore* him to
“*secrecy*, and instructed him to say he had received his Ma-
“sonic knowledge in France. After the departure of De
“Glock from this City, the Man suspecting that he was im-
“posed on, communicated the transaction to some of the
“Brethren here, who remonstrated with De Glock on the im-
“propriety of his conduct ; he admitted he had done wrong to
“work within the Jurisdiction of any regularly constituted
“Lodge, and accordingly he afterwards transmitted Ten Dol-
“lars of the Money to one of the Lodges held in this City, and
“stated that he was accountable to the Grand Orient at Paris
“for the other Ten.

“He left this City for New York, and the next information
“had respecting him was by the Communication of Lodge N^o.

“103, whose conduct on this occasion merits in the opinion
“of the Committee, the unqualified approbation of the Grand
“Lodge, and who would recommend to them to pursue similar
“conduct on the recurrence of similar occasions.

“The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania have adopted the
“principle of Ancient Masonry, that it consists of Four De-
“grees, the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason
“and Holy Royal Arch. That every regular Warranted
“Lodge possesses the power of forming and holding Lodges in
“these several Degrees. The last of which from its pre-
“eminence is denominated a Chapter.

“After the most minute examination of the regulations of
“other Grand Lodges, the Committee observe the strict accord-
“ance there is between these regulations and their own.

“Lawrie, the most authentic Scots writer on the subject,
“(page 318), contains a provision of the Grand Lodge of
“Scotland, prohibiting their provincial Lodges, (Many of
“whom were established in France), from working or practis-
“ing any other degrees than those of St John's Masonry,
“which are Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master
“Mason, including the Royal Arch. This regulation it ap-
“pears became necessary from the great propensity to innova-
“tion prevalent amongst their provincial Lodges in France,
“as the same author declares, (page 112), that the attach-
“ment to innovation and external finery produced the most
“unwarrantable alterations upon the principles and cere-
“monies of the order. The same Grand Lodge further ex-
“presses its disapprobation of those innovations in reply to a
“circular received from America in 1802, (page 292), in the
“following words: ‘The Spirit of Illumination which it
“breathed and the Supernumerary degrees amounting to
“about fifty which it authorized, were sufficient reasons for
“drawing down the contempt of Scottish Masons, whose honor
“it is to have preserved Free Masonry for Many Centuries in
“its original simple form, and whose pride it shall ever be to
“transmit to the latest posterity, the principles and ceremonies
“of their order unpolluted and unimpaired. Can any thing
“more be necessary to prove how unfounded are the preten-

"sions to derive their authority for working in those supernumerary degrees from Scotland or Scottish Masonry?

"With respect to the Antiquity of Ancient York and Scottish Masonry, it is well understood that they have both sprung from the same source, and have ever been on the most amicable terms with each other. As to *Maconerie Ecossaise* as practised by De Glock, there is no record within our reach, either ancient or Modern, that makes any mention of it. That it is a Modern innovation there is no doubt, which has been attached to Masonry within a few Years, but for what reasons or from what motives the Committee are ignorant. They are satisfied it has nothing to do with Ancient Masonry.

"Over all Lodges held under its authority in the degrees recognized by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, it exercises conclusive Jurisdiction. With the bodies exercising the other degrees of Masonry by whatever Name they are called it does not interfere, leaving those Bodies to govern themselves and manage their concerns in their own way. Nor does it prevent any Mason under its Jurisdiction from attaching himself to any of those bodies regularly constituted according to the rules of such bodies and taking as Many of those degrees as he pleases. But the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania denies the right of any of those bodies to interfere with any of the degrees of Ancient Masonry before mentioned or to grant Warrants or Constitutions for holding Lodges in any of the said degrees of Ancient Masonry.

"Whether the Body lately established at the Havana called the Grand Consistory has been established according to the Rules and Regulations of that order, is a Matter in which themselves and other bodies practising those degrees are concerned,—the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as such, has nothing to do with it.

"If the said Grand Consistory has authorized the holding of Lodges in any of the four degrees of Ancient Masonry first mentioned, they have done wrong, and such authority is void and all Persons made under it are illegal and spurious.

"The Committee offer the subjoined Resolutions for the Consideration and adoption of the Grand Lodge, Viz.:

"1. Resolved, That if the said Grand Consistory lately established at the Havana, has not established Lodges in any of the degrees of Ancient Masonry above mentioned, but has confined itself to conferring the other degrees, all Masons under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, are at Liberty to take those other degrees conferred by the said Grand Consistory, or not as they please.

"2nd. Resolved, that all Lodges held in the four degrees of Ancient Masonry by Virtue of any authority given by the Grand Consistory before mentioned, are illegal and unconstitutional and Masonic intercourse is hereby strictly prohibited between all Masons under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and any Persons made in or belonging to Lodges held in the Degrees above mentioned, by Virtue of any authority granted by the said Grand Consistory.

"3rd. Resolved, that any Member of a Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania knowingly violating the last above mentioned resolution shall be expelled.

"4th. Resolved, that the Zeal and Attachment to the principles of Free Masonry displayed by the Master and Brethren of Lodge N^o. 103, in relation to De Glock, merits and ought to receive the approbation of every friend of the order and more particularly of this Grand Lodge.

"5th. Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish a Copy of this Report and Resolutions under the Seal of the Grand Lodge to the Proxy of Lodge N^o. 103, to be by him forwarded to that Lodge at the Havana.

"July 6, 1818."

(Sign'd)

"THO^s. ELLIOTT.

"J. RANDALL.

"ROB^t. P. BRANU.

"RICH^d. TYBOUT.

"GEORGE A. BAKER.

"JOSEPH S. LEWIS.

"JAMES HARPER, jun^r.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 7th, A. D. 1818, A. L. 5818.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Joseph Barnes, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Thomas Elliott, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Josiah Randall, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ John W. Peters, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.

“ Randall Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Samuel P. Wetherill, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Isaac Levis, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ Henry Y. Carter, Grand Marshal, P. T.

“ Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

“ Walter Kerr, R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 50, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 69, 84, 91, 113, 114,
115, 121, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 180, 181, 189, 141, 147, 155, 158
and 160 represented.

Thirty Three Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication and of the Meetings held since, were read and approved.

This being the Evening appointed by the Resolution of the Grand Lodge of the Sixteenth day of March last, for James M. Riddle and Robert Findley to shew cause why they should not be expelled from the benefits of Masonry, a written Communication was received from James M. Riddle, purporting to be a defence against the charges exhibited against him, which was read, when on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That Brother James M. Riddle be acquitted of the Charges preferred against him.

A written Communication was received and read from Robert Findley, purporting to be his defence against the charges brought against him, when on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the further consideration of the proceedings in the case of Robert Findley be indefinitely postponed.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at half past Ten o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday, the Fifth day of October next, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 5th, A. D. 1818, A. L. 5818.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

- " Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " Anthony Fannen, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.
- " Andrew Hooton, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " John H. Starr, Junior Grand Deacon.
- " James M. Linnard, Grand Marshal.
- " Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant.
- " Sam^l F. Bradford, R. W. Past Grand Master.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 125, 127, 128, 130, 131, 139, 141, 158 and 160 represented.

Twenty Three Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the case of Brother Samuel Gingles, late Worshipful Master of Lodge N^o 100, held at Catawissa, who was cited to appear on the first Monday of September last, to shew cause why he should not be expelled from the rights and benefits of Masonry, but which was not acted on on that day. When the same being under consideration, it was on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that Brother Samuel Gingles be allowed until the

next Grand Quarterly Communication to shew cause in writing or otherwise, why he should not be expelled from the rights and benefits of Masonry.

The resolution read in Grand Lodge on the first day of June last, requesting the R. W. Grand Master to empower certain Brethren to grant Dispensations, and laid on the table, was called up for consideration, when on Motion the same was amended by striking out the words "*from time to time*" and inserting the word "*annually*" in lieu thereof.

The resolution as amended was then adopted, and is as follows, to wit:

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be requested to empower such of the Brethren as he may think fit, already appointed, or hereafter to be appointed to Visit the different Lodges, pursuant to a Resolution of the Grand Lodge, passed the 20th October, 1817, to grant Dispensations in cases of emergency for entering, passing and raising persons to the sublime degree of Master Mason and also for passing Master Masons to the Chair in their several Lodges within their respective districts, requiring them respectively to make due and regular returns annually of their proceedings in the premisses and to transmit with such returns, the price of each Dispensation which they shall so grant respectively.

A Communication was received containing an account of the proceedings of the two Grand Lodges in South Carolina, relative to the Union of the said Grand Lodges, under the Name of "The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina," which was referred to the Committee of Correspondence to enquire and make report.

A Communication was receiv'd and read from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, containing the Names of their Grand Officers for the present Year, list of Lodges under their Jurisdiction, expulsions, &c., also, acknowledging the receipt of the Communications from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to December last, and expressing their great satisfaction to see thus again opened the friendly correspondence which formerly existed, and which unfortunate events had for some time interrupted. Which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

A Communication was receiv'd from the Grand Lodge of New York, containing an account of its proceedings from the 24 June, 1817, to the 24 June, 1818. Which was referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and report thereon.

A Communication was received from the Grand Lodge of Vermont, containing an account of its proceedings in the Years 1816 and 1817, also, a Copy of its Bye Laws, which was referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and make report.

A Communication was received from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, containing a list of its Grand Officers, and of expulsions, rejections, &c., which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

Two Communications were received from a body styling themselves the Supreme Grand Consistory, &c., and of the Havana, which were referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and make report.

The following Returns, &c., were receiv'd and read, to wit :
Lodge N^o 46, held at Ephrata, Lancaster County. Election Returns of Dec^r. 1817, and June, 1818. On Motion the Grand Secretary was directed to inform Lodge N^o 46, that their Election for Officers in June last was contrary to an existing regulation of the Grand Lodge, and that he forward a Copy of the Regulation of the Grand Lodge on the Subject of the Election of Officers in the subordinate Lodges to them.
Lodge N^o 64, held at Greensburg. Return of Members, containing the rejection of E—— C——, and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 69, held in the Borough of Chester. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 102, held at Frankford. Election Return. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 139, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the expulsion by said Lodge of W—— C—— and J—— D—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N^o 151, held at Allentown. Communication of the rejection of J—— M—— by said Lodge.

Lodge N^o 156, held at Chestnut Level, Lancaster County.

Return to Dispensation for constituting Lodge N^o 156 was receiv'd and read, whereby it appeared that the said Lodge was duly constituted on the 8th day of May last, also, a Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge were presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and make report.

Lodge N^o 157, held at the Havana. A Commission duly executed bearing date the 7th day of June last, was received and read from Lodge N^o 157, appointing Brother Joseph S. Lewis, Proxy, to represent said Lodge in the Grand Lodge. Whereupon, Brother Lewis was recognized as Proxy. Also, an address from said Lodge to the Grand Lodge was received and read and ordered to be deposited among the archives of the Grand Lodge.

Lodge N^o 161, held at the Havana. Return to Dispensation for constituting said Lodge was received and read, whereby it appeared that the same was duly constituted on the 14th day of June last. A Commission duly executed bearing date the 1st day of July last, was received and read from said Lodge, appointing Brother Joseph S. Lewis, Proxy, to represent said Lodge in the Grand Lodge. Whereupon, Brother Lewis was recognized as Proxy.

The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Lodge N^o 51, on the subject of the Money subscribed by said Lodge towards purchasing shares in the Philadelphia Dispensary, made report, which was read, amended, adopted as amended, and is as follows, to wit :

“To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns^a :

“The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial from
“Lodge N^o 51, on the 1st June last, beg leave to Report,

“That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and
“offer the following as the result of their enquiries :

“It appears by the Minutes of the Grand Committee of
“Charity of the 17th of February, 1798,

“That a plan was devised by said Committee and submit-
“ted to the different Lodges then held in the City for their
“consideration, Whereby any Lodge subscribing 5 Guineas

“for a Share in the Dispensary would be entitled to have One
 “Patient attended gratis, for 10 Guineas, Two Patients,
 “&c., &c.

“The Money so subscribed to be paid to the Grand Treas-
 “urer and by him to the Treasurer of the Dispensary in the
 “name of the Grand Lodge.

“The Grand Committee of Charity at the same time pledged
 “themselves on the part of the Grand Lodge, that they would
 “*always* recommend to the Dispensary, such Brother or
 “Brothers as the Contributing Lodges might think proper to
 “recommend to them for that purpose.

“In consequence of the foregoing proposals it appears by
 “the Minutes above referred to, that

“Lodge No. 2 paid 10 Guineas.

“	3	“	5	“
“	51	“	10	“
“	59	“	10	“
“	67	“	5	“
“	71	“	5	“

Total 45

“The balance necessary to make up the sum of 50 Guineas
 “it is presumed was paid by the Grand Lodge, as your Com-
 “mittee could not find any evidence of any other subordinate
 “Lodge having contributed.

“It further appears that when the Southern and Northern
 “Dispensary were established, Overtures were made by the
 “City Dispensary to this Grand Lodge to refund the aforesaid
 “Sum of 50 Guineas to them, as their sphere of action had
 “become much more limited than when the original contract
 “was entered into.

“This proposal was acceded to by the Grand Lodge and the
 “Money accordingly paid to the Grand Treasurer, and by him
 “carried to the Sinking Fund.

“Your Committee are of Opinion that the Lodges having
 “been deprived of the benefits anticipated at the time of sub-
 “scription, *That the same ought to be refunded.*

“They therefore offer the following Resolution :

"Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to credit such of the aforesaid Lodges as shall apply for it, in their accounts with the Grand Lodge, for the several sums by them respectively paid.

"JAMES HARPER,
"J. C. TILLINGHAST, } Committee."

"Phil^a. Sept^r. 7, A. L. 5818."

The Resolution relative to funeral processions read in Grand Lodge the 3rd March, 1817, and laid on the Table, was called up for consideration. When, on the question being taken, Shall this resolution be adopted?

It was Unanimously determined in the negative.

A Letter dated Pittsburgh, Sept^r. 25, 1818, from Brother Edward Ensell, W. Master of Lodge N^o 45, held at Pittsburgh, was received and read, Stating that on the 25th June, 1817, Michael McNamee, an applicant for Initiation, from misrepresentation of his Character, was rejected by said Lodge, that he again applied and was admitted on the 26th Ult^a; that his Character stands as fair as any individual's in that neighbourhood, and the Lodge presumed that any former misunderstanding of, should not be a bar to his admission into their order and requesting to have the opinion of the Grand Lodge on the propriety of the course pursued by Lodge N^o 45. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

The said Letter was referred to Brothers Geo. A. Baker, Nathan R. Potts and James Harper, jun^r. to enquire and make report.

A Petition was receiv'd and read from Marcus Fairchild, setting forth that he Petitioned Lodge N^o 2, about the Year 1810, for initiation into the Mysteries of Free Masonry, which Lodge deemed it expedient to reject him; that feeling himself worthy to be a Member of any institution, he threw himself upon the liberality of the Grand Lodge and requesting them to appoint a Committee to inquire into his Character, and if they should find him worthy to grant him the privilege of attaching himself to any Lodge they might see proper. Which Petition was recommended by several respectable Members of the Grand Lodge.

On Motion made and Seconded,

The said Petition was referred to Brothers George A. Baker, Nathan R. Potts and James Harper, jun^r to enquire and make report.

A Letter dated Pittsburgh, 16 August, 1818, was received and read from August Hen. Gläser, inclosing a Certificate whereby it appeared that he was advanced to the Degree of a Master Mason in a Lodge called Emanuel, held in the City of Hamburg, and working in Virtue of a Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. The Letter in substance stated that having understood that Ohio Lodge, N^o 113, was to meet, and wishing to go to it, he applied to a Brother of the Lodge, but his astonishment was great to find that they differed in the examination which took place, that he expects there exists a great mistake in the business, as he had visited many Lodges in Europe and had never been refused admittance. He declares that he is a Master Mason and as such desires free entrance into our Lodges, that he incloses his Certificate to prove he is a Mason, which he requests may be translated, and if he is found worthy, that the Grand Lodge would give orders for his free admittance into any Lodges there under their Jurisdiction.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to write to M^r Gläser and inform him that the Grand Lodge can take no cognizance of his application.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge N^o 127, held at Philadelphia, which contained the Report of a Committee appointed on the Petition from Lorenzo *Bordona* for Membership; the Report in substance stated that the Committee find that said *Bordona* is not a regular Master Mason, and not worthy of becoming a Member of said Lodge, that he stated to the Committee that he was made a Mason by a M^r Lepage in his workshop in Philadelphia, without charge or expense as an entered apprentice, and was then introduced by M^r Lepage to the W. Master of Lodge N^o 127 at the regular meeting in July last, as a regular made Master Mason; that the W. M. stated to the Committee that from the high opinion

he entertained of M^r. Lepage as a Master Mason, and his vouching for M^r. Bordona, the said Bordona was invited by the W. M. into the Lodge without further inquiry.

The said Communication also contained the expulsion of T—— P——, for unmasonic conduct, and the suspension for non-payment of dues of J—— F——, J—— O'N——, L—— B——, A. P. B. C——, J—— A——, I—— W——, (Expell'd), W—— M——, C—— P——.

On Motion made and Seconded,

The above Communication from Lodge N^o. 127 was referred to Brothers Bradford, Randall and Linnard, to enquire and make report.

A Letter dated Allentown, Pa., September 8, 1818, from Frederick I. Haller, was received and read, making complaint against Charles L. Hütter, W. M. of Jourdan Lodge, N^o. 151. Which was ordered to be laid on the Table.

On Motion made and Seconded,

The request from Lodge N^o. 91, read in Grand Lodge on the 1st day of June last, asking permission to place a bracket in some suitable part of the Hall to support a Bust of the late George A. Baker, deceased, late Grand Secretary, was referred to Brothers Bradford, Randall and Linnard, to enquire and make report.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half past Nine o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 7th, A. D. 1818, A. L. 5818.
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Joseph Barnes, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Thomas Elliott, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Josiah Randall, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

- Bro. George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
 " Robert Grant, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
 " Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.
 " Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.
 " Stephen W. Smith, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
 " Isaac Levis, Grand Sword Bearer.
 " James M. Linnard, Grand Marshal.
 " John C. Tillinghast, Grand Pursuivant.
 " Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. P. Grand Master.
 " Walter Kerr, R. W. Past Grand Master.
 " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 67, 71, 72, 73, 84, 91, 92, 100, 113, 114,
 115, 121, 124, 125, 128, 127, 130, 131, 139, 141, 147, 152, 154, 155,
 156, 158 and 160 represented.

Thirty five Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly and adjourned Grand Quarterly Communications were read and approved.

A Petition from divers Ancient York Master Masons was receiv'd and read, praying for a Warrant for holding a New Lodge at New London Cross Roads, New London Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, to be named "Fidelity," and that Brother David Dickey might be named Worshipful Master; Brother Allen F. Cunningham, Senior Warden, and Brother James Hawthorn, Junior Warden of the same.

Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of this Grand Lodge, It was,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and the same be numbered 162.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that this was the Evening appointed by the regulations of the Grand Lodge for holding the Election for Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the Election.

The Grand Lodge thereupon proceeded to the Election, when Bro. Bayse Newcomb, was duly re-elected R. W. Grand Master.

“ Joseph Barnes, was duly re-elected R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Thomas Elliott, was duly re-elected R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Josiah Randall, was duly re-elected R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, was duly re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary, and

“ Joseph S. Lewis, was duly re-elected R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 9 o'clock in the Evening, to meet again on Monday the 21st Instant, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 21st, A. D. 1818, A. L. 5818.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Thomas Elliott, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Josiah Randall, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ James M^cAlpin, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Michael Nisbet, D. Grand Secretary, P. T.

“ Anthony Fannen, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Benjamin Say, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 21, 45, 51, 52, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 127, 128, 130, 131, 139, 141, 152, 155, 158 and 160 represented.

Twenty Three Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The Committee of Accounts made report on the Accounts of Brother George A. Baker, Grand Secretary, for the year 1817, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

"We, the Committee of Accounts of the Right Worshipful
"Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Respectfully Report, That
"we have carefully examined the within account of the Grand
"Secretary from the 27th December, 1816, to 30 December,
"1817, and are of opinion the same is correct, leaving a bal-
"ance of Thirty Six Dollars, thirty two Cents and a half due
"to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, 3rd
"Dec^r. 1817.

(Sign'd)

"WILLIAM PAGE,
"MARK RICHARDS, } Committee."

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee of Accounts made report on the Account of George A. Baker, Grand Secretary, for the payment of Interest on the Masonic Loans for the Year 1817, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

"The Committee of Accounts Respectfully Report, That we
"have carefully examined the within account of George A.
"Baker, Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand Lodge
"for Interest on the Masonic Loans, and find the same cor-
"rect, leaving a balance of Interest uncalled for of One hun-
"dred and twenty Six Dollars, which is deposited in Stephen
"Girard's Bank, as per Bank Book exhibited to the Com-
"mittee.

"Philadelphia, December 3, 1818.

(Sign'd)

"WILLIAM PAGE,
"MARK RICHARDS, } Committee."

Which report was adopted.

The Committee of Accounts made report on the Accounts of Brother Joseph S. Lewis, Grand Treasurer, for the Year 1817, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

"We, the Committee of Accounts of the Right Worshipful
"Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to whom the foregoing ac-

"count of Joseph S. Lewis, Grand Treasurer, was referred for examination, Respectfully Report, That we have carefully examined the same and find the same correct, and that there remained a balance in the hands of the Treasurer on the 27th December, 1817, of Two thousand, six hundred and thirty eight Dollars and 37 Cents.

"Philadelphia, Decem^r. 3, 1818.

(Sign'd)

"WILLIAM PAGE,

"MARK RICHARDS, } Committee."

Which report was adopted.

The following Returns, &c., were presented and read, viz :
Lodge No. 21, held at Harrisburg. Election Return. Account of Grand Lodge dues. Return of Members, containing suspension of J—— M. D—— and J—— Y——, for non-payment of dues.

Lodge No. 52, held at Philadelphia. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was receiv'd and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and make report.

Lodge No. 70, held at Athens, Bradford County. Election Returns of Dec^r. 1816 and 1817. Account of Grand Lodge dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of S—— C——.

Lodge No. 71, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the suspension by said Lodge of J—— C——, S—— W—— and J—— J——, for non-payment of dues.

Lodge No. 150, held at Troy, Bradford County. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was receiv'd and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and report.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Marcus Fairchild, made report which was read and is as follows, to wit :

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

"The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of
"Marcus Fairchild,

"Respectfully Reports,

"That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and
"find that Marcus Fairchild applied to Lodge No. 2, in the
"year 1811, for Initiation ; that on the 12th August, 1811, a

"majority of the Committee appointed to investigate his Character made an unfavourable report, which was unanimously adopted, and his rejection ordered to be communicated to the Grand Lodge.

"That your Committee have examined the Committee of Lodge N^o 2, who made the unfavourable report, who stated that at that period they were unacquainted with Marcus Fairchild, and were induced from the information they obtained from one person to make an unfavourable report, but which information they have reason to believe was incorrect. That were they now on a Committee to investigate his Character, from the knowledge which they have of him, they would make a favourable report. That since they have been acquainted with him they have found him to be an industrious Man, and believe his Character to be unexceptionable. That one of the Committee further stated that believing injustice had been done him by their report, he had taken particular pains to investigate his Character, but had been unable to hear any thing to his disadvantage. Your Committee also examined several other Brothers respecting the Character of said Fairchild, who said they believed him to be a Moral, upright Man. From all that your Committee have been able to ascertain respecting said Fairchild, they are of Opinion that he is worthy of becoming a Member of Our Ancient and honourable fraternity, and respectfully offer the following resolution for adoption :

"Resolved, that Marcus Fairchild be restored to the situation he was in previous to his application to Lodge N^o 2, and that any Lodge to which he may deem proper to apply, be authorised upon due inquiry into his Character, to initiate him into the Mysteries of Free Masonry and admit him to Membership.

"All which is respectfully submitted.

"Philadelphia,

"Decem^r. 4, 1818."

(Sign'd)

"GEORGE A. BAKER,
"JAMES HARPER, jun^r. } Committee."
"NATⁿ. R. POTTS,

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication from Lodge N^o 45, respecting the Initiation of Michael McNamee, made report which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee to whom was referred the Communication from Lodge N^o 45, relative to the initiation of Michael McNamee,

"Respectfully Report,

"That it appears by the Communication referred to them, that Michael McNamee applied to Lodge N^o 45 for initiation, and on the 25th June, 1817, from misrepresentation of Character was rejected. That he again applied, and on the 26th of August last was initiated and admitted to Membership. That his Character stands as fair as that of any individuals in the neighbourhood of the Lodge, and that the Lodge presumed that any former misunderstanding should not be a bar to his admission into the order.

"That although the proceedings of the Lodge were in violation of an existing regulation of the Grand Lodge; yet as the Lodge appears to have acted from the best of motives, that of doing justice to a Man whom from misrepresentation they had injured, the Committee therefore recommend that the proceedings of Lodge N^o 45, in Initiating Michael McNamee be sanctioned, and respectfully offer the following Resolution for adoption:

"Resolved, that the proceedings of Lodge N^o 45, respecting the Initiation of Michael McNamee, be sanctioned.

"All which is respectfully submitted.

(Sign'd)

"GEORGE A. BAKER,
"JAMES HARPER, jun^r. } Committee."
"NATH^l. R. POTTS,

"Philadelphia,

"7th Dec^r. 1818."

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws

of Lodge N^o. 151, held at Allentown, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred for examination the Bye Laws of Jordon Lodge, N^o. 151, held at Allentown, Lehigh County,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have carefully examined the same, and would recommend that they be returned to the Lodge by the Grand Secretary accompanied with Copies of the Bye Laws of some of the City Lodges, with a request that they would form a New code of Bye Laws for the Government of their Lodge.

"The Committee therefore offer the following resolution for adoption by the Grand Lodge :

"Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to return to Lodge N^o. 151, the Copy of their Bye Laws presented to this Grand Lodge for adoption, together with two or more Copies of the Bye Laws of some of the City Lodges, and request Lodge N^o. 151 to frame a New code of Bye Laws.

"All which is respectfully submitted.

"Philadelphia,

"Decem^r. 2, 1818.

(Sign'd)

"T. S. MANNING,
"MICHAEL NISBET, } Committee."

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 156, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred for examination the Bye Laws of Washington Lodge, N^o. 156, held at Chestnut Level, Lancaster County,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have carefully examined the same and recommend that they be approved except as follows, to wit :

"In the 7th article of the rules of order, strike out the words, "Every Member reserves to himself the right of an appeal to

"the Lodge in his extenuation or justification, and in such appeal the Lodge may decide.

"All which is respectfully submitted.

"Philadelphia,

"Dec^r 2, 1818.

(Sign'd)

"GEORGE A. BAKER,
"TH. S. MANNING,
"MICHAEL NISBET, } Committee."

Which report was adopted.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, containing a summary of its proceedings in June, 1818, was received and read, and ordered to be deposited in the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, containing an account of its proceedings in the Months of August and September, 1818, which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

A Communication dated New York, Dec^r 2, A. L. 5818, was received and read from the Grand Lodge of New York, which in substance stated, that in consequence of the suspicions entertained by the Grand Steward's Lodge, that James H. Marshal, hailing from Temple Lodge, N^o 7, Guysborough, Nova Scotia, an applicant for Charity, and who had received assistance from the fraternity at Charleston, Baltimore and Philadelphia, was not deserving of the assistance he claimed, and that such of his papers as were of a Masonic Character had been retained by the Grand Steward's Lodge, subject to the order of the several individuals by whom the same were furnished. Which communication was ordered to be filed.

A Communication in the Spanish Language from the Grand Consistory held at the Havana, was received and referred to the Grand Secretary to have the same translated.

A Communication was received from A. Le Page and read, purporting to be a defence against the charge made against him by Lodge N^o 127, which was referred to the Committee appointed on the 5th October last, to enquire respecting the charge brought against him.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the case of Brother Samuel Gingles, late Worshipful Master of Lodge N^o 100, held at Cattawissa, who had been cited to show cause by writing or otherwise on the 7th December instant, why he should not be expelled from the rights and benefits of Masonry, for having refused to permit Brother Christian Brobst, who had been expelled by said Lodge, to take his seat as a Member in the Lodge after he had been reinstated by the Grand Lodge to the rights of Membership.

A Communication was receiv'd and read from Bro. Gingles, containing an account of his conduct in the business and his reasons for refusing to permit Bro. Brobst to take his seat after he had been reinstated. When on

Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That Brother Samuel Gingles be suspended from the rights and benefits of Masonry for the term of One Year.

A Complaint was receiv'd and read from William Brewer and others, Members of Lodge N^o 159, held in Columbia County, making complaint against Bro. Samuel Gingles, when on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to transmit said Complaint to Lodge N^o 100, of which Bro. Gingles is a Member, with directions that the Lodge proceed without delay in investigating and deciding on the said complaint.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 23rd December, A. D. 1818, A. L. 5818, in lieu of St. John the Evangelist's Day, which fell on Sunday the 27th.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

" Thomas Elliott, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" Josiah Randall, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

Bro. George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Stephen W. Smith, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T. .

“ Benjamin Say, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 102, 121, 125, 126, 127, 130, 131, 134, 152, 141, 155, 147 and 158 represented.

Twenty Four Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at half past Ten o'clock, A. M.

So much of the Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication as relates to the Election of Grand Officers was read, and thereupon the following Grand Officers Elect were severally installed into their respective offices in Ancient and solemn form, to wit :

Bro. Bayse Newcomb, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Thomas Elliott, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Josiah Randall, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments, to wit :

Bro. Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev^d. Bro. William Rogers, } Grand Chaplains.

“ “ George Potts, }

Bro. Thomas Amies, } Grand Stewards.

“ William Wray, }

“ Isaac Levis, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ Benjamin Say, Grand Marshal.

“ Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Committees, Viz :

Bro. Joseph Barnes, }
 “ Nathan R. Potts, } Committee of Correspondence.
 “ Samuel Badger, }

“ William Page, }
 “ Mark Richards, } Committee of Accounts.
 “ John W. Peter, }

Bro. George A. Baker,	}	Committee to examine the Bye Laws of the Subordi- nate Lodges.
" Thomas S. Manning,		
" Stephen W. Smith,		
" Thomas Kittera,	}	Committee to examine the trans- actions of the past year and select for publication.
" Samuel Badger,		
" Robert De Silver,		
" Frederick Erringer,		
" Alphonso C. Ireland,	}	Hall Committee.
" John Darragh,		
" Henry Y. Carter,		
" Joseph T. Clement,		

Bro. Grand Secretary stated that he had re-appointed Brother Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary for the ensuing year, and requested that the Grand Lodge would be pleased to sanction the appointment. Whereupon, the same was Unanimously approved.

The Lodges being called on for their returns, the following returns were received, to wit :

Lodge N^o 2, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Grand Lodge dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of G—— R——, jun^r. M—— S——, W—— R——, B—— M——, J—— H——, J—— K—— and S—— R——.

Lodge N^o 19, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Grand Lodge dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of T—— C——, H—— E——, G—— G. G—— and N—— L. R——.

Lodge N^o 51, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N^o 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N^o 61, held at Wilkesbarre. Election Return.

Lodge N^o 59, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 69, held at Chester. Election Return.

Lodge N^o 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Grand Lodge dues. Return of Members.

- Lodge N^o 73, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.
- Lodge N^o 81, held at Germantown. Election Return.
- Lodge N^o 91, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.
- Lodge N^o 102, held at Frankford. Election Return.
- Lodge N^o 106, held at Williamsport. Election Return.
- Lodge N^o 121, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.
- Lodge N^o 125, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.
- Lodge N^o 126, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.
- Lodge N^o 127, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Also, Communication of the reinstatement of Philip Stimmel and Joseph Adams.
- Lodge N^o 130, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.
- Lodge N^o 134, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.
- Lodge N^o 139, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Grand Lodge dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of W—— C—— and J—— F——.
- Lodge N^o 158, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Grand Lodge dues. Return of Members, containing the rejection of C—— C——.
- Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 12 o'clock at Noon.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 1st, A. D. 1819, A. L. 5819.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Thomas Elliott, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Josiah Randall, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

- Bro. George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Henry G. Freeman, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" James Campbell, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Isaac Levis, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Benjamin Say, Grand Marshal.
" William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.
" Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139, 141, 147, 155, 158 and 160 represented.

Twenty Eight Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly and Grand General Communications were read and approved.

A Petition from divers ancient York Master Masons was received and read, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the Town of Towanda, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, to be called "Evergreen Lodge," and that Brother Eliphalet Mason might be named Worshipful Master; Brother Simon Kinney, Senior Warden, and Brother Russel Fowler, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, It was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be numbered 163.

A Petition from divers ancient York Master Masons was receiv'd and read, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the Town of Washington, Washington County, Pennsylvania, to be called "Washington Lodge," and that Brother George Jackson might be named Worshipful Master; Brother Robert Estep, Senior Warden, and Brother Daniel Thompson, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, It was on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 164.

A Petition from divers ancient York Master Masons was received and read, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the City of Pittsburgh, in the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, to be called "Milnor Lodge," and that Brother William McChandless might be named Worshipful Master; William Steele, Senior Warden, and James M. Riddle, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, It was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 165.

A Petition in due form and recommended agreeably to the regulations of the Grand Lodge was receiv'd and read, praying for a Warrant for holding a New Lodge in the City of Philadelphia, when on the question being taken, Shall the prayer of the Petitioners be granted? it was decided in the negative.

A Report and account from the Trustees of the Masonic Loans, were receiv'd and read and ordered to be entered on the Minutes, and are as follows, to wit:

"At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Masonic Loans held at the New Hall of the Grand Lodge in Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, on Monday the 4th January, 1819,

"A Certificate, (or Return), of an Election held this Morning, for Electing from among the Stockholders Six Persons to serve in conjunction with the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, for the time being as Trustees of the Masonic Loans, for One Year from this day and until a New Board shall be elected on the first Monday in January, 1820, was read, whereby it appears that Charles Biddle, Edward Burd, Stephen Girard, Thomas M^e. Euen, Elijah Griffith and Thomas F. Leaming, were duly elected.

"The Board then proceeded to the Election of Officers for
"the ensuing year, when

"Charles Biddle, Esquire, was elected President, George A.
"Baker, Secretary, and Thomas M^cEuen, Esquire, Treasurer.

"On Motion made and Seconded,

"Resolved, that a Copy of the Accounts of the Board of
"Trustees, which was laid before the Stockholders this Morn-
"ing at their annual Meeting, exhibiting the receipt of
"Monies by the Trustees during the last year and their In-
"vestments of the same in Stock on account of the Sinking
"fund be transmitted to the Grand Lodge for their informa-
"tion.

"Extract from the Minutes.

(Sign'd)

"GEORGE A. BAKER,

"SECRETARY."

Dr. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in Account with the Trustees of the Masonic Loans.		Cr.
1818.		
Jan'y.	7. To Cash paid for 7 Shares Masonic Loan at par	\$700.
March 14.	To ditto paid for \$564.46 of United States 6 per Cent. Stock at 105 $\frac{1}{4}$	595.50
		<u>\$1295.50</u>
April 25.	To Cash paid for \$1023.51 of United States 6 per Cent. Stock at 102 $\frac{1}{4}$	\$1032.97
July 28.	To Cash paid for One Share of Masonic Loan at par	\$100.
Aug.	5. To ditto paid for 12 Shares of Masonic Loan at 102	1224.
"	15. To ditto paid for \$16 $\frac{1}{4}$ of United States 6 per Cent. Stock at 101 $\frac{1}{4}$	16.41
		<u>\$1340.41</u>
Aug.	To Cash paid for 2 Shares of Masonic Loan.	\$200.
Sep.	To ditto " 2 ditto " ditto	200.
Dec.	4. To ditto " 10 ditto " ditto	1060.
		<u>\$1400.</u>
1818.		
Jan'y.	8. By Cash receiv'd 6 Months Interest on 47 Shares of Masonic Loan due 1 st January.	\$141.
	17. By ditto receiv'd 6 Months dividend on 40 Shares of Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank Stock due 1 st Jan'y.	100.
	" By ditto receiv'd 3 Months Interest on \$3634.69 of United States 6 per Cent. Stock due 1 st Jan'y.	54.50
	28. By ditto receiv'd of Grand Treasurer on order of the Grand Master	1000.
		<u>\$1295.50</u>
April 14.	By Cash rec'd. of Grand Treasr. on Order of Grand Master.	\$1000.
	16. By ditto rec'd. 3 Months Interest on \$4199.15 of U. S. 6 per Cent. Stock due 1 st April	62.97
		<u>\$1062.97</u>
July 6.	By Cash rec'd of Grand Treasr. on order of Grand Master	\$1000.
"	By ditto rec'd 6 Months Interest on 54 Shares of Masonic Loan due 1 st July	162.
	18. By ditto rec'd 6 Months div'd on 40 Shares Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank Stock due 1 st July	100.
"	By ditto rec'd 3 Months Interest on \$5228.66 of U. S. 6 per Cent. Stock due 1 st July	74.81
		<u>\$1340.41</u>
Aug.	28. By Cash receiv'd on Sale of \$197.05 of U. S. 6 per Cent. Stock at 101 $\frac{1}{4}$	\$200.
Oct.	19. By ditto receiv'd 3 Months Int. on \$5047.74 of U. S. 6 per C. Stock due 1 October.	75.50
	28. By ditto receiv'd on Sale of \$122 $\frac{1}{4}$ of U. S. at 101 $\frac{1}{4}$	124.30
Dec.	10. By ditto receiv'd on Sale of \$985.44 . 100 $\frac{1}{4}$	1000.
		<u>\$1400.</u>

The Sinking fund now consists of the following Stock, Viz :
40 Shares of Farmers' and Mechanicks' Bank Stock and
dividend thereon from 1st July, 1818.

81 Shares of Masonic Loan with Interest thereon from 1st
July, 1818.

\$3930.54 of United States 6 $\frac{7}{8}$ Cent. Stock with Interest
thereon from 1st October, 1818.

Philadelphia, 1st January, 1819.

Errors and Omissions Excepted.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

The above is submitted for the information
of the Stockholders of the Masonic Loans.

The Grand Secretary presented his Account with the Grand
Lodge for the last year, which was referred to the Committee
of Accounts to examine and Report thereon.

The Grand Secretary presented his account respecting the
Interest of the Masonic Loans for the last year, which was re-
ferred to the Committee of Accounts to examine and report
thereon.

The Accounts of the Grand Treasurer with the Grand Lodge
for the last year were presented and referred to the Commit-
tee of Accounts to examine and report thereon.

A Petition signed William B. Atkinson was received and
read, stating that about two years ago he applied for initia-
tion and membership in Lodge N^o. 114, Philadelphia, and
was rejected, that believing his present standing in Society
creditable, he is induced from the high opinion he entertains
of the institution to pray that a Committee might be appointed
to enquire into his Character and present standing in Society,
and if found worthy to grant him permission to join a Lodge
under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge. Which Petition
was recommended by the W. Master and Secretary of Lodge
N^o. 154.

On Motion, Resolved, that the said Petition be referred to
Brothers Clement, Burrows and Fannen, to enquire and make
report.

A Petition was receiv'd and read from Lodge N^o. 154, West

of Schuylkill, Stating that the room in which the Lodge held their meetings had lately been consumed by fire, that they now had no place to hold their Meetings in, that they were about building a Hall in the Village of Haddington about 3 Miles West from their late place of Meeting, which they contemplated commencing in the Month of April next, and praying the Grand Lodge would grant them permission to hold their meetings in the Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street until the building in Haddington should be ready for their reception. When

On Motion, Resolved, that the prayer of the Petition be granted.

The following Returns, &c., of Lodges were presented and read, to wit:

Lodge N^o. 22, held at Sunbury. Election Return, also expulsion of J—— T. W——, for unmasonic conduct, and T—— D——, for non-payment of dues.

Lodge N^o. 43, held at Lancaster. Election Return. Account of Grand Lodge dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of J—— R——, for non-payment of dues.

Lodge N^o. 50, held at West Chester. Election Returns for 1817 and 1818. Account of dues for 1816, 1817 and 1818. Returns of Members for 1816, 1817 and 1818, containing the expulsion of S—— D——, for non-payment of dues.

Lodge N^o. 51, held at Philadelphia. Account of Dues. Return of Members.

Lodge N^o. 64, held at Greensburg. Election Return.

Lodge N^o. 67, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the suspension for non-payment of dues of F—— G. T——, T—— F——, N—— A——, D—— C——, W—— S——, W—— T—— and J—— C. W——.

Lodge N^o. 71, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the suspension of M—— M—— and G—— H. F——, for non-payment of dues.

Lodge N^o. 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members and Account of dues.

Lodge N^o. 81, held at Germantown. Return of Members.

Account of Dues. Communication of the suspension of A—— Y——, B—— W—— and J—— T——, for non-payment of dues.

Lodge N^o 102, held at Frankford. Account of dues. Return of Members, containing expulsion of B—— M^cG——.

Lodge N^o 104, held in Leacock Township, Lan^c Cot^y. Election Return.

Lodge N^o 114, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of G. L. dues.

Lodge N^o 115, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of G. L. dues.

Lodge N^o 125, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the suspension of M—— D—— and P—— F——, for non-payment of dues. Also, a Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and report thereon.

Lodge N^o 127, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing rejection of C—— B——.

Lodge N^o 131, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the suspension of J—— C——, A—— R——, J—— L. L——, G—— B. W——, E—— M—— and S—— P——, for non-payment of dues.

Lodge N^o 135, held at Roxborough. Election Returns of 1817 and 1818. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o 141, held at Halifax, Dauphin County. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the rejection of J—— R——.

Lodge N^o 142, held at Sadsbury, Chester County. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o 151, held at Allentown. Election Return. Return of Members, containing rejection of J—— H—— and J—— M——. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o 153, held at Waynesburg. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing rejection of J—— G——, Esq., B—— R—— and F—— H. M——. Also, Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and

referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and report thereon.

Lodge N^o. 154, West of Schuylkill. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o. 155, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o. 156, held at Chestnut Level, Lanc. Co. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o. 159, held at Danville, Columbia Co. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o. 160, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

A Communication dated London, 14th October, 1818, was receiv'd and read from the United Grand Lodge of England, and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and report thereon.

A Communication was receiv'd and read containing the proceedings of a Convention of Masons which assembled at Natchez, in the State of Mississippi, on establishing a Grand Lodge for the said State, also a Copy of the Constitution and Bye Laws of the said Grand Lodge and a Letter from the Grand Secretary, dated 15 Dec^r. 5818, addressed to this Grand Lodge, stating the reasons for establishing the Grand Lodge of the State of Mississippi, and soliciting a fraternal intercourse and correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on subjects calculated to promote the interest of Masonry. Which were referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and report thereon.

Lodge N^o. 162, held at New London, Cross Roads, Chester County. Return to Dispensation for constituting "Fidelity Lodge," N^o. 162, was receiv'd and read, whereby it appeared that the said Lodge was duly constituted on the first day of January last.

The report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of establishing an uniform mode of admitting Visitors in the subordinate Lodges, which was read in Grand Lodge the 20 April, 1818, and ordered to be laid on the table, was taken up for consideration, amended, adopted as amended, and is as follows, to wit:

"The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge to enquire
 "into the expediency of establishing an uniform mode of Ad-
 "mission of Visitors at the Subordinate Lodges acting under
 "the authority of the Grand Lodge,
 "Respectfully Report,

"That no regulations appear so well calculated to meet the
 "very important object of this resolution, as that by which
 "Visitors are admitted into the Grand Lodge.

"They therefore submit for the consideration of the Grand
 "Lodge the following resolution :

"Resolved, that hereafter no Visitor be admitted into any
 "subordinate Lodge under the Jurisdiction of this Grand
 "Lodge, unless by motion regularly made, Seconded and car-
 "ried for such admission. Provided that nothing in this
 "Resolution shall prevent such motion being founded on the
 "Voucher of a single Brother either a Member or a Visitor,
 "The Master for the time being, of such subordinate Lodge,
 "having at all times power to admit such brethren as he can
 "vouch for.

(Sign'd)

"THO^a. ELLIOTT,
 "JAMES HARPER, jun^r." } Committee."
 "THO^a. KITTEKA,

Grand Lodge Adjourned in harmony at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9 o'clock,
 P. M., to meet again on Monday the 5th day of April next at
 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
 Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 16th, A. D. 1819, A. L. 5819.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Special Communica-
 tion, held in the Old Masonic Hall, Filbert Street.

Present :

Brother THOMAS ELLIOTT, Senior Grand Warden, presiding
 as Grand Master.

" James Harper, jun^r Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

Brother Cornelius Stevenson, Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

“ Joseph S. Lewis, Grand Treasurer.

“ Randall Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Robert De Silver, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

Rev^d. Bro. William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Brother Benjamin Say, Grand Marshal.

“ Richard Tybout, R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ Joseph Burden, R. W. Past Senior Grand Warden.

“ Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 59, 62, 67, 71, 72, 75, 84, 91, 102, 103, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 127, 130, 131, 133, 134, 139, 141, 147, 152, 155, 158, 160, 157 and 161 represented.

Thirty Six Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Form, (the Senior Grand Warden being in the Chair), at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

The R. W. Grand Master stated, that the Hall of the Grand Lodge having been destroyed by fire on the Evening of the Ninth instant, this Special Meeting had been called for the purpose of taking into consideration such measures as might be deemed necessary in consequence of that calamitous event.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted, to wit :

Whereas, the Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street was destroyed by fire on the Night of the Ninth Instant, And Whereas, the best interests of the Craft require, that immediate measures should be taken to rebuild the same, Therefore,

Resolved, that the Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street be forthwith reconstructed upon such plan as may be agreed upon by the building Committee to be appointed; when the same shall be approved of by the R. W. Grand Master, the past Grand Masters and the Grand Officers.

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master appoint a Committee of Five Members of the Grand Lodge to be styled the Building Committee, who shall be a committee to carry the

foregoing Resolution into effect, and to do such other matters as may be necessary to complete the object entrusted to them, as speedily as the same can be accomplished.

A Report was received and read from the Hall Committee, and is as follows, to wit :

“To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren, &c. :

“The Hall Committee beg leave to report,

“That early on the morning succeeding the conflagration
“of the New Hall, they repaired to the Spot, and in the per-
“formance of their duty secured and put into a place of safe
“deposit, all the effects they could obtain of any value ; that
“agreeably to the order of the R. W. Grand Master, they imme-
“diately went in search of a suitable place in which the Grand
“and Subordinate Lodges might hold their future meetings,
“and of the many situations viewed none appeared so eligible,
“convenient or reasonable as to terms as ‘the Old Masonic
“Hall,’ the Old Lodge room of which they have obtained.

“Your Committee have likewise obtained on a lease and
“for the same purposes, the Old Banqueting and Royal Arch
“rooms. And they beg leave further to report, that agree-
“ably to the order rec^d. from the R. W. G. M., Your Commit-
“tee appointed ‘Suitable persons to survey and report on the
“New Hall, &c.,’ whose report thereon is herewith presented.

“The documents stating the terms on which the Grand
“Lodge hold their present tenure, as also the Vouchers for
“sundry disbursements made and the Lease of John Snyder
“securing quiet possession of the premisses, in whole or in
“part, for one or more years, Your Committee are not at
“present able to present, having been almost without inter-
“mission engaged in the performance of other important and
“pressing duties growing out of the late serious calamity.
“They will however soon be enabled to report at length on
“the foregoing subjects.

“And as in purchasing the lease of this room from Doctor
“Rousseau, it was Stipulated that he should be reimbursed
“the sum of Three Hundred Dollars expended by him, (in-
“cluding One hundred and twenty five dollars, being Six
“Months rent he had paid in advance), the Committee re-

"spectfully request that the R. W. Grand Lodge will direct
 "the same to be paid to Doc^r. Rousseau on the full and com-
 "pleat Assignment to the G. Lodge of his right and title to
 "this room for the time being. They beg leave also to sug-
 "gest that all of that part of the property which has been or
 "may be saved from the ruins, which may prove to be so
 "materially injured by fire as to be of no use in this, or in the
 "reconstruction of the New Hall, be sold at public auction.
 "All which is respectfully submitted.

"Philad^a, March 16, A. L. 5819.

(Sign'd)

"FREDERICK ERRINGER, Chaⁿ.

"Hall Committee."

"JOS. F. CLEMENT, Sec^y."

Which Report was adopted.

On Motion, Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be authorized to draw an order on the Grand Treasurer in favour of Doc^r. Rousseau for the above Sum of Three Hundred Dollars. And that he be further authorized to draw for such expenses as may be incurred in preparing and fitting up the rooms in the present Hall for the accommodation and convenience of the Grand and subordinate Lodges.

The report of the persons appointed by the Hall Committee to survey and report on the state of the New Hall was read, and is as follows, to wit:

"The undersigned, at the request of the R. W. G. Master
 "through the G. L. Hall Committee having examined the
 "remains of the Masonic Hall as they now stand, Unani-
 "mously concur in Opinion that the Walls have not received
 "any injury of consequence from the late conflagration, and
 "are sufficiently strong to sustain the rebuilding of the Wood
 "Work, together with the Spire as they originally stood.

(Sign'd)

"JO^a. MORRIS.

"JOHN MOORE.

"THOMAS TOMKINS.

"DANIEL GROVES.

"MICHAEL BAKER.

"CORNELIUS STEVENSON."

"Phil^a, March 15th, 1819."

An Extract from the Minutes of Lodge N^o 67, held at Philadelphia, was receiv'd and read, and is as follows, to wit :

" Extract from the Minutes of Concordia Lodge, N^o 67, held " in Lodge room of L'Amenite, N^o 73, Philadelphia, March " 12, 1819.

" Whereas, as the Members of this Lodge with the rest of " their Masonic Brethren deeply and sincerely regret the loss " the R. W. G. L. has sustained by the conflagration which " took place on the 9th instant, in the almost total destruction " of their New Hall in Chestnut Street, and whereas, it is the " unbounded duty of all our Masonic Brethren under this " Masonic Jurisdiction to assist all in their power, the said R. " W. G. Lodge in rebuilding the Masonic Temple, thereby " placing the whole of the Masonic family on its former " honourable footing, therefore,

" Resolved, that this Lodge will not only use all honourable " means in their power to collect from the Brethren of this " Lodge such sums of Money as in their power for the use of " the R. W. G. Lodge, but the Debt owing by the said G. " Lodge to this Lodge amounting to three hundred dollars, " that the Bond for said sum be forthwith cancelled and the " Amount thereof presented, together with the interest due " thereon, for the express purpose of aiding the R. W. G. " Lodge in rebuilding the Masonic Hall.

" Resolved, that the Officers of Our Lodge be a Committee " to present the above preamble and resolutions to the R. W. " G. Lodge of Pennsylvania, and they are hereby authorized " to carry the foregoing resolution into effect.

Seal of
Concordia
Lodge, N^o 67.

(Sign'd)

" I. S. KAY,
" Secretary."

Attest :

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the offer of Lodge N^o 67 be accepted, and that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to Lodge N^o 67 for the liberal donation made by them to this Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Master be requested to transmit this resolution to the Worshipful Master of Lodge N^o 67.

On Motion, Resolved, that the proceedings of the Masonic Brethren residing in the City and County of Philadelphia, of the Grand Officers, and of the Trustees of the Masonic Loans in consequence of the destruction of the Hall, be entered on the Minutes of the Grand Lodge.

The proceedings are as follows, to wit :

Masonic Meeting.

At a General Meeting of the Masons residing in the City and County of Philadelphia, held in pursuance of public notice at the Washington Hall, in the City of Philadelphia, on Thursday the 11th March, 1819, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. The Grand Master being prevented by indisposition from attending, and the Deputy Grand Master being absent from the City, the Senior Grand Warden,

Thomas Elliott, Esq^r. (acting as Grand Master), presided, and George A. Baker, (the Grand Secretary), acted as Secretary.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev^d. Doc^r. William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

The Chairman stated that the Hall of the Grand Lodge having been consumed by fire on the Evening of the 9th instant, a Meeting of the Masonic Brethren residing within the City and County of Philadelphia, had been convened this day for the purpose of devising means to increase the funds of the Grand Lodge to enable them to rebuild their edifice.

Past Grand Master Samuel F. Bradford delivered an eloquent and appropriate address to the Brethren on the occasion which had collected them together, and offered the following Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, to wit :

Resolved, that a subscription be now opened for the purpose of raising the funds of the Grand Lodge, to enable them to construct a suitable edifice in which to hold the meetings of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges.

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master appoint a Committee to consist of three Members from each Lodge Meeting in the City and County of Philadelphia, for the purpose of collecting subscriptions from Masons for the rebuilding of the Masonic Hall ; that the Committee so appointed be desired

immediately to meet and proceed at once to accomplish the object entrusted to them, and to pay over the Monies collected to the Grand Treasurer, and that the said Committee be authorized to receive such contributions as our benevolent fellow Citizens, who are not Masons, may think proper to make.

The following Brethren were then appointed a Committee for the above purpose :

Lodge N^o. 2. Joseph Burden, D^r., John Sommer and Anthony Lafitte.

3. Robert De Silver, Solomon Allen, William M^c-Corkle.

9. William Wray, John Wilson, Patrick M^cGuigan.

19. Richard Mackie, Samuel Beatty, James Maxwell.

51. Joseph T. Clement, Frederick V. King, James M^cAlpin.

52. John Thomas, Benjamin Mollineaux, George W. Jones.

59. James Forsyth, Thomas M^cLean, George Curry.

67. William Weaver, Andrew Hooton, Samuel Webb.

71. John Darragh, Charles Schneider, Giles M^c-Dowell.

72. Joseph Blame, Jacob Alter, George Burgen.

73. P. R. Branu, Destouet Follin, Laussar.

91. Henry G. Freeman, Daniel S. Peck, John Thompson.

102. Mahlon Dungan, Thomas W. Duffield, Samuel Denny.

114. Henry Benner, James Harper, jun^r., Peter Benner.

115. Thomas Burrows, Henry Stiles, Nicholas Tillinghast.

121. Robert Toland, George Morrison, Isaac Levis.

125. Charles W. Westphall, William Mayweg, Henry Riesch.

126. Benjamin Sharpnack, John C. Tillinghast, Samuel Durborow.

- 127. Israel Young, George Dannaker, Francis Savoy.
- 128. John Smith, Stacy Fowler, John Jones.
- 130. Henry How, Peter Perpignan, George Gloninger.
- 131. Alphonso C. Ireland, Cornelius Stevenson,
Anthony Fannen.
- 134. Jacob Mechlin, Benj. R. Vanhook, Peter Wil-
liamson.
- 139. Christopher Kreible, David H. Mason, James
Redman.
- 155. William Mandry, Isaac Avery, Levi Anker.
- 158. John D. Ferguson, Alva Mason, John W. Kelly.
- 160. Charles A. Droz, Peter Bonneville, Ylaire F.
Deluy.

Resolved, that the Brethren now assembled, will individually exert themselves in promoting the object contained in the foregoing resolutions.

A Letter addressed to the Grand Master was receiv'd and read from Brother Victor Pepin, Manager of the Olympic Theatre, offering to appropriate, towards rebuilding the Masonic Hall, the proceeds of a benefit to take place at the said Theatre on Monday next, when on Motion,

Resolved, that the Offer of Brother Victor Pepin be accepted, and that the thanks of this meeting be presented to him for his very liberal and benevolent offer.

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting be presented to Robert Wharton, Esquire, Vice-President of the Washington Benevolent Society and the Hall Committee for their politeness in offering the Grand Saloon and other rooms of the Hall for the accommodation of the present meeting.

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting be presented to the different fire and hose Companies, and to our fellow Citizens generally for the promptitude with which they repaired to our assistance on the night of the conflagration.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this Meeting be published.

(Sign'd)

THOMAS ELLIOTT, Chairman.

(Sign'd)

GEORGE A. BAKER, Secretary.

At a Meeting of the Grand Officers held in the Afternoon of the 11th March, 1819.

A Letter from Mess^{rs} Warran and Wood, Managers of the Philadelphia Theatre, addressed to the Grand Master was receiv'd, containing an offer to give a benefit, the proceeds of which should be appropriated to aid the funds of the Grand Lodge in rebuilding their Hall.

Which offer was accepted, and it was ordered that the thanks of the Grand Officers be respectfully returned to Mess^{rs} Warren and Wood on behalf of the Grand Lodge, for their kind and affectionate attention.

(Sign'd)

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

Meeting of the Trustees of the Masonic Loans March 11, 1819.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Masonic Loans this day convened in consequence of the recent calamitous destruction of the Hall of the Grand Lodge. Present, Charles Biddle, Edward Burd, Stephen Girard, Thomas M'Euen and the Grand Officers.

The meeting with a view to relieve any anxiety entertained by the holders of the Stock of the Masonic Loans, resolved to publish the following statement, viz.:

The Amount of the Loan is \$66.000

Towards the payment of which is the Sinking Fund,

amounting to 15.088

The Sum insured on the Lodge 20.000

And the lot on Chestnut Street, with the remains of the building, which are estimated to be more than equal to the balance.

It is believed that the Sum insured on the Lodge, aided by such collections as may be obtained from the Masonic family and others, will be sufficient to re-construct the building in its former elegance, and that the present resources of the Grand Lodge are such as will insure a continuance of their usual punctual discharge of the interest.

(Sign'd)

CHARLES BIDDLE, President.
GEORGE A. BAKER, Secretary.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half past twelve o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 5, A. D. 1819, A. L. 5819.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication held at the Masonic Hall in Filbert Street.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

- " John B. Gibson, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, P. T.
- " Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " Samuel P. Wetherill, R. W. Junior Grand Warden,
P. T.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
- " Calvin Mason, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.
- " Henry Benner, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " Joseph T. Clement, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.
- " Richard Tybout, R. W. Past Grand Master.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 75, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125,
126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139, 141, 147, 133, 152, 155, 103, 157,
158, 160 and 161 represented.

Thirty Three Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at half past Seven o'clock in the Evening.

Brother Joseph S. Lewis was duly installed into the Office of Grand Treasurer.

The R. W. Grand Master in Virtue of a resolution passed on the 16th Ultimo, appointed Brothers Joseph S. Lewis, Richard Tybout, Joseph Burden, James Harper, jun^r and Cornelius Stevenson, a building Committee for the purposes expressed in said resolution.

A Petition from divers ancient York Master Masons was received and read, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the Town of Regla, suburbs of Havana, Island of Cuba, to be called "La Union de Regla," and that Brother Ysidro Powell might be named Worshipful Master; Brother Antonio Echevarria, Senior Warden, and Brother Pascual Nunes, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, It was on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 166.

A Letter dated Harrisburg, 29th March, 1819, was receiv'd and read from Joseph C. Laveille, President of the Harrisburg Thespian Society, inclosing a Fifty Dollar Note, being the proceeds of a benefit given by said Society in aid of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, that the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge be presented,

To Brother Pepin, Manager of the Olympic Theatre.

To Mess^{rs}. Warren and Wood, Managers of the Philadelphia Theatre.

To Brother Francis C. Labbe.

To the Amateurs, Performers and Managers of the late Concert at Washington Hall.

To the Washington Benevolent Society for the use of their room for a Concert.

To the Thespian Society at Harrisburg, for the aid rendered by them to the Funds of the Grand Lodge in consequence of the late disastrous destruction of the Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street.

An appeal was receiv'd and read from Brother Nathan L. Boulden, appealing from a Vote of Suspension for Three Months passed against him by Lodge N^o. 104, held in Leacock Township, Lancaster. Which was referred to Brother Walter Kerr, William Darlington, of Lodge N^o. 50, and Jacob Moore, of Lodge N^o. 156, to inquire and make report.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the several Committees appointed to receive subscriptions for rebuilding the Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street, be requested to collect the sums on their respective lists and pay the same over to the Grand Treasurer as soon as possible.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Lower Canada, dated 28 December, 1818, containing the Names of the Grand Officers for the present year, &c., which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

A Communication dated Halifax, 28th December, 1818, was receiv'd and read from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, containing the expulsion of J—— H. M——, of Temple Lodge, N^o 7, Guysborough, for unmasonic Conduct.

A Communication was receiv'd and read from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, containing the Names of the Grand Officers for the year 1818, &c., which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

A Communication was receiv'd and read from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, containing an account of their proceedings in November, 1818, which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge; also, a Copy of the Constitution and Bye Laws of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey were received and referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, containing an extract from their proceedings in November, 1818. Which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 52, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

“To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

“The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred the
“Bye Laws of ‘Harmony Lodge, N^o 52,’ held in the City of
“Philadelphia,

“Respectfully Report,

“That they have carefully examined the same and recommend their adoption with the following amendments, viz:

"Article 5, after the word '*least*' in the '*third line*' of this Article, insert '*who are Master Masons*,' and after the word '*third*' in the '*sixth line*' of the same article, insert '*Master Masons who are*.'

"All which is respectfully submitted.

(Sign'd)

"GEORGE A. BAKER,
"THO^s. S. MANNING, } Committee."
"STEPHEN W. SMITH,

"Philadelphia,

"Feb^r. 25, 1819."

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 150, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred the Bye Laws of 'Mount Moriah Lodge, N^o. 150,' held in the Town of Troy, Bedford County, Pennsylvania,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have carefully examined the same and recommend that they be adopted.

"Philadelphia, February 25, 1818.

(Sign'd)

"GEORGE A. BAKER,
"T. S. MANNING, } Committee."
"STEPHEN W. SMITH,

Which report was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William B. Atkinson made report, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"Philad., April 5, A. L. 5819.

"Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Br^s. &c.:

"Your Committee appointed at the last Grand Quarterly Communication on the Petition of W—— B. A——, of Hamilton Ville, Grocer, appealing to Grand Lodge from the decision of Lodge N^o. 114, respectfully report,

"That it appears the said W—— B. A—— applied in Jan^r. 1816, to be initiated in that Lodge; that a respectable Com-

“mittee of Three were appointed to investigate into his Character and standing in Society, who after strict enquiry reported unfavourably, and being ballotted for, his application was rejected by a vote, it is stated comparatively speaking of four black balls to one white one or thereabouts, and that after a strict examination of some of the officers of, and the Committee appointed by Lodge N^o. 114, (as above stated), as also from Masonic information otherwise obtained, and even from the faint recommendation likewise, of one of his recommenders to Lodge N^o. 114, (also examined), Your Committee feel themselves fully justified in stating it to be their opinion, unanimously, that the past and present standing in society of W—— B. A—— will not justify him in the expectation of being admitted a Member of our respectable and honourable order.

“Your Committee therefore respectfully offer the following Resolution to Grand Lodge:

“Resolved, that it is inexpedient at present to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner.

“All which is respectfully submitted.

(Sign'd)

“JOS. T. CLEMENT,

“THO^s BURROWS,

“ANTH^r. FANNEN,

} Committee.”

Which report was adopted.

The following returns, &c., of Lodges were presented and read, Viz:

Lodge N^o. 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o. 67, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the reinstatement in said Lodge of Adna Wood, who had been some time since suspended for non-payment of dues.

Lodge N^o. 91, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the reinstatement of John Lewis Thomson and Alexander S. Cox in said Lodge, who had been some time since expelled for non-payment of dues.

Lodge N^o. 103, held at the Havana. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing rejections

of P—— F——, A—— M——, F—— J—— and P—— F——.

Lodge N^o. 149, held at Montrose, Susquehanna Co^y. Election Return.

Lodge N^o. 157, held at the Havana. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of R—— L——, L—— B——, J—— d M——, E—— R——, C—— B——, V—— M——, J—— A—— C——, A—— D—— L—— C——, M—— P——, R—— M——, R—— D—— C—— C—— and J—— R——, for connecting themselves with an illegal Lodge established by the Grand Consistory at Havana, and the Rejection of J—— H—— A——.

Lodge N^o. 161, held at the Havana. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing rejection of R—— P——.

A Return was receiv'd and read from Brother Joseph M. Canalejo, of Dispensations granted by him for Passing Brethren to the Chair in Lodges held at the Havana. Which was ordered to be filed.

An extract from the Minutes of Lodge N^o. 92, held at Union Town, Fayette County, of the 26th December, 1818, was receiv'd and read, whereby it appeared that said Lodge was dissolved on that day, when on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary require the surrender of the Warrant, &c., of said Lodge.

A Petition was received and read from Brother Frederick Haller, asking permission to withdraw the Complaint which he some time since made against Charles L. Hutter. Which request was granted.

A Letter was receiv'd and read from Brother John Reist, Secretary of Lodge N^o. 46, held at Ephrata, Lancaster County, relative to the situation of said Lodge. Which was referred to the Grand Secretary to answer.

A Letter dated Cattawissa, March 16, 1819, was received and read from Bro. William Clayton, a Member of Lodge N^o. 100, stating that some time since a Candidate was balloted for in said Lodge and rejected by two black balls, and that two

Months after this took place the Candidate was again balloted for and approved of. Which was referred to the Grand Secretary to write to the Lodge and give the necessary information.

A Letter dated Sunbury, January 18, 1819, was received and read from Brother E. C. Bradin, Secretary of Lodge N^o. 22, relative to said Lodge, which was referred to the Grand Secretary to answer.

A Communication was receiv'd and read from R. A. Chapter N^o. 146, held at Meadville, Crawford County. Which was referred to the R. W. Grand Master to take the situation of said Chapter into Consideration.

A Communication dated Athens, Feb^y 23rd, 1819, was receiv'd and read from Bro. Thomas Huston, relative to the situation of R. A. Chapter N^o. 70.

On Motion the Committee to whom was referred a Communication from Chapter N^o. 70, read in Grand Lodge 20th January, 1817, were discharged.

On Motion, the above Communication from Chapter N^o. 70, and also the one read in Grand Lodge on the 20th January, 1817, were referred to the following Brethren to inquire and make report, Viz: Randall, Ja^s. Harper, ju^r. McCorkle, Home and Barbier.

The Committee who presented on the 20th April, 1818, a report on the Communication from South Carolina, containing the proceedings and articles for a Union of the two Grand Lodges in South Carolina, which was read and ordered to lay on the Table, asked leave to withdraw said report and be discharged from the further consideration thereof. Which request was granted.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at half past 9 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday the 3rd day of May next, at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 3, A. D. 1819, A. L. 5819.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication held at the Old Masonic Hall in Filbert Street.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

- “ Joseph Barnes, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- “ Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
- “ James McAlpin, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
- “ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- “ James Harper, jun^r, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
- “ Joseph T. Clement, Deputy Grand Sec^y, P. T.
- “ Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.
- “ Robert Grant, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- “ Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.
- “ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 59, 67, 72, 84, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 127, 128, 131, 139, 141, 152, 154, 155 and 158 represented.

Twenty Six Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at half past 7 o'clock in the Evening.

Brother Joseph Barnes was duly installed into the office of Deputy Grand Master.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, was receiv'd and read and is as follows, to wit :

At a regular quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island, &c., holden at St John's Hall in Providence, on the last Monday of November, 5818.

“The Grand Lodge took into consideration a Communication from St John's Lodge, N^o 1, at Newport, stating that “at a regular meeting of said Lodge, they had expelled therefrom the following persons, Viz : Benjamin W. Case, Caleb Tripp, Thomas Pratt, Timothy R. Peckham, William G. Burroughs, John A. Collins, Benjamin Tayer and John Deblois, for unmasonic conduct.

“They also took into consideration a publication in the “Newport Mercury, dated July 4, 5818, signed by the said B.

“W. Case and sundry others, in which they declare themselves independent of this Grand Lodge.

“Though they deem it superfluous as respects the Masonic Fraternity, yet a respect for the public induces them to submit a few facts to shew the insubordination, the folly and the audacity of the said Case, (he being the prime mover), and his associates. In the year 5791, S^t John’s Lodge at Newport, and S^t John’s Lodge at Providence, the only remaining Lodges then in the State, by mutual agreement formed a Grand Lodge and enacted a Constitution of Government for the same, and the said Lodges surrendered the Charters which they then held under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, and received new ones from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, by which they solemnly bound themselves to submit in all their Masonic concerns to the awards and decisions of the said Grand Lodge.

“At a Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge in May, 5818, sundry Memorials and protests from Members of S^t John’s Lodge at Newport were presented to the Grand Lodge, stating that the election of Officers for said Lodge, holden on the 27th of December, 5817, was conducted in an illegal manner and contrary to the Bye Laws of said Lodge. The Grand Lodge accordingly cited the parties before them, and on the 24th of June, after a full and impartial hearing, declared the said election illegal and void, and ordered a New one to take place on the 15th of July, 1818, at which the Grand Master was requested to attend.

“The Grand Master accordingly issued his summons for convening the Members of said Lodge, and a large Majority of the Members attended, but to their great surprise they found that Case and his associates had robbed the Masonic Hall belonging to said Lodge, of the Jewells, Books of Records, and Bye Laws, Charter from the Grand Lodge, and also of the Charter from the State, by which the Property of the Lodge is holden. They also purloined a set of Jewells deposited in the Hall which belonged to the Grand Lodge. The Lodge, however, proceeded to the election of Officers, who were afterwards duly installed by the Grand Master, as

“ follows : W. John L. Boss, Master ; Br. Benjamin B. Mumford, Senior Warden ; Br. Henry Y. Cranston, Junior Warden ; Br. Peleg Kaign, Treasurer ; Br. James Coggeshall, Secretary ; Br. A. W. Gardner, Senior Deacon ; Br. Peleg Fish, Junior Deacon ; Br. John Tillinghast, Tyler ; Br. David Bramin, Steward.

“ Notwithstanding the decisions of the Grand Lodge and proceedings of St John's Lodge, as above stated, the said Case and his associates have continued to assemble in a Tavern, under sanction of the Charter which they had thus clandestinely obtained, and transact business and initiate Masons under the name of St John's Lodge.

“ It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do approve the sentence of expulsion against the said Benjamin W. Case, Caleb Tripp, Thomas Pratt, Timothy R. Peckham, William G. Burroughs, John A. Collins, Benjamin Tayer and John Deblois. And all Lodges under this Jurisdiction, with their Members, are strictly forbidden to hold any Masonic intercourse with said Case and his Associates, or with any Person initiated by them. The Grand Secretary is also directed to communicate the same to all Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge.

“ It is further voted, That the Names of the Persons initiated by said Case and others, be published with the above resolution and are as follows, to the best information that can be obtained : William Davis, Benjamin L. Peckham, Samuel B. Jones, Joseph Corry, Sprague Dawly, Isaac V. Burdick, Isaiah Burdick, Charles S. Coggeshall, Benjamin Mason, John Waite, William T. King, Christopher L. Phillips, Thomas W. Nichols and George Sweet.

(Sign'd)

“ JOHN CARLILE, Grand Master.”

“ A true Copy from the Records.

“ WALKER HUMPHRY, Grand Secretary.”

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Communication from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island be inserted on the Minutes, and the Members of the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be

directed to hold no Masonic intercourse with the offending Brethren, or with any Person initiated by them.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary communicate the above resolution to the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

A Communication was received and read from a Committee of Lodge N^o. 155, held at Philadelphia, and is as follows, to wit:

“Philadelphia, 3rd May, 1819.

“Bayse Newcomb, Esq^r R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Penn^a

“Dear Brother,

“The undersigned Committee of Lodge N^o. 155, having “had the Petition of Lorenzo Bodoanna, for Initiation and “Membership referred to them, after diligent inquiry find, “that he has received the 3 first degrees of Masonry in a “clandestine way, and has imposed himself on some Brother “so far as to get him to Vouch for him in a Lodge of M. “Masons, and under these circumstances was actually admitted as a Visitor in Lodge 127. And afterwards petitioned “that Lodge as a Master Mason for admission and Membership; but before the next stated Meeting, learned that the “Committee would make an unfavourable report, ask’d and “obtained leave to withdraw his Petition. And has since “Petitioned 155 for Initiation and Membership; they can find “nothing against his Character as a Citizen, except what is “stated above, Pray the Grand Lodge to direct them how to “proceed in his case.

“Yr^a very respectfully,

(Sign’d)

“GODFREY SOUDERS,

“CHESTER CHATTIN.”

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that Lodge N^o. 155, upon a regular application from Lorenzo Bodoanna, agreeably to their bye laws, be authorized to Enter, Pass and raise the said Bodoanna on the same night, he being duly approved of by them.

A Letter dated Strasburg, April 28, 1819, was receiv’d and read from Brother Nathaniel W. Sample, jun^r on whose complaint Brother Nathan L. Boulden was suspended by Lodge

N^o. 104, objecting to the appointment of Bro. Jacob Moore, as one of the Committee on the appeal of Brother Boulden, from a Vote of suspension passed against him by said Lodge.

When on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be requested to substitute another Brother in the place of Bro. Moore.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bro. Randall in the place of Brother Moore.

A Communication dated New Orleans, 18th March, 1819, was receiv'd and read from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, containing the Names of the Grand Officers, &c., for the present year. Which was ordered to be deposited in the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

The following Returns were presented and read, viz :

Lodge N^o. 21, held at Harrisburg. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o. 100, held at Cattawissa. Election Return. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of S—— G——, also Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o. 144, held at Milton. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half past 9 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 7th, A. D. 1819, A. L. 5819.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Joseph Barnes, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Thomas Elliott, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Josiah Randall, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Alphonso C. Ireland, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

Bro. Thomas Burrows, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.

“ Michael Nisbet, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Anthony Fannen, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ John W. Starr, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 45, 50, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 127, 130, 131, 139, 141, 158, 160 and 152 represented.

Twenty Three Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 8 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication and of the Meetings held since were read and approved.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be respectfully requested to appoint a Brother to grant Dispensations to Pass Brethren to the Chair in Lodge N^o 70, held at Tioga Point, Bradford County.

The R. W. Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge an extract from the Minutes of the Building Committee of the 23rd April last, which is in the words following, to wit :

“ On Motion, Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be respectfully requested to draw an order on the Grand Treasurer in favour of the Building Committee, authorizing him to place to the Credit of the Building Committee, the Amount of Subscriptions which may be received for the purpose of rebuilding the Masonic Hall, and also the insurance of \$20,000 when the same shall be received.”

Which on Motion was referred to Bro^r. Elliott, Randall and M^cCorkle to enquire and make report.

The R. W. Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge the Account of the Grand Tyler for a quarter's Salary ending on the first day of June instant.

On Motion, Resolved, that the payment of the annual sum of Three Hundred Dollars heretofore allowed the Grand Tyler be discontinued.

On Motion, Resolved, that the quarter's Salary of the Grand Tyler which became due on the first day of June instant be paid.

On Motion, Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to enquire whether any, and if any, what annual compensation shall be allowed to the Grand Tyler during the occupation of the present building by the Grand Lodge?

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Raguet, Fannen and Hopkins, a Committee for the above purpose.

Lodge N^o 75, held in Charlestown Township, Chester County.

Election return. Return of Members. Account of G. L. dues.

Lodge N^o 142, held at Sadsbury, Chester Co. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws, to examine and report thereon.

Lodge N^o 165, held at Pittsburgh. Return to Dispensation for Constituting said Lodge was receiv'd and read, whereby it appeared that the said Lodge was duly Constituted on the 25th day of March last. Also, a Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge were presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and report thereon.

A Letter dated Meadville, 13th May, 1819, was receiv'd and read from Lodge N^o 146, condoling with the Grand Lodge on the destruction of their Hall and expressing the determination of the Lodge to make a speedy remittance of their dues.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at half past 9 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday the 21st instant, at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 21st, A. D. 1819, A. L. 5819.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Thomas Elliott, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Josiah Randall, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

Bro. Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ William McCorkle, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.

“ George Willig, jun^r, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 21, 45, 51, 59, 67, 72, 75, 91, 114, 115, 125, 108, 180, 184, 189, 141, 155, 157, 158 and 161 represented.

Twenty Three Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 8 o'clock in the Evening.

The Grand Secretary presented a translation of the Communication from the Grand Consistory at the Havana referred to him on the 21st day of December last, to have translated.

Which on Motion was ordered to be laid on the Table.

The following Returns, &c., were presented and read :

Lodge N^o. 104, held in Leacock Township, Lancaster County.

Return of Members.

Lodge N^o. 108, held at Wysox and Orwell. Election Returns of Dec^r. 1816 and 1817. Account of Dues of Dec^r. 1816 and 1817. Return of Members of Dec^r. 1816 and 1817.

Lodge N^o. 120, held at Tioga. Election Return of Decem^r. 1818. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 151, held at Allentown. Communication of the Expulsion of J—— K——, for unmasonic conduct.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 125, held at Philadelphia, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

“To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

“The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for
“examination the Bye Laws of ‘Hermans Lodge, N^o. 125,’
“held at Philadelphia,

“Respectfully Report,

“That they have carefully examined the same and recom-
“mend that they be adopted with the following amendments,
“to wit :

“To article first add, ‘The hours of meeting shall be from
“the 25th of March to the 25th of September, from 7 till ten

"o'clock in the Evening, and from the 25th of September to the 25th of March, from 6 till 9 o'clock in the Evening.'

"In the 2nd line of the 2nd Article, strike out '*alle zwölf monate*, (every twelve months),' and insert at the stated meeting next preceeding St John the Evangelist's day in December annually.

"All which is respectfully submitted.

(Sign'd)

"GEORGE A. BAKER,

"T. S. MANNING,

"STEPHEN W. SMITH,

} Committee."

"Philadelphia,

"May 31, 1819."

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 153, held at Waynesburgh, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for examination, the Bye Laws of 'Waynesburgh Lodge, N^o. 153,' held in the Town of Waynesburgh, Green County, Pennsylvania,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that they be adopted with the following Amendments, to wit:

"After the word '*vote*' in the last line of the first article, add as follows, viz: 'The hours of meeting shall be from the 25th of March to the 25th of September, from 7 till 10 o'clock in the Evening, and from the 25th of September to the 25th of March, from 6 till 9 o'clock in the Evening.' The Officers of the Lodge shall be elected by ballot at the stated meeting next preceeding St John the Evangelist's day in December annually, which election shall be held in the manner provided for by the 2nd Chapter of the Book of Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"Strike out the whole of Article 11th and insert the following in lieu thereof, 'An applicant for initiation into the

"Mysteries of Masonry shall be recommended by two Master Masons who are Members, and his Petition containing his Age, residence and occupation, shall be presented at a stated Meeting, when a Committee of Three Members who are Master Masons, (from which the recommenders shall be excluded), shall be appointed to inquire into his Character and qualifications and report thereon, when if a majority report in his favour, his petition having been presented one Month previously, he shall be balloted for, and if unanimously approved of Initiated. The same rule shall be observed with respect to Masons who make application to become Members of this Lodge.

"After the word '*Lodge*' in the first line of the 16th article insert, '*in good standing*,' and in the same article strike out, '*unless a majority of the brethren then present shall by Vote do bar him therefrom.*' The reason why the Committee recommend this clause to be stricken out, is because they are of opinion that every Mason in good standing, upon paying up his dues, has a right to withdraw from the Lodge in which he is a Member.' All which is respectfully submitted.

(Sign'd)

"GEORGE A. BAKER,
"T. S. MANNING,
"STEPHEN W. SMITH, } Committee."

"Philadelphia,

"May 31, 1819." .

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the application from the Building Committee to the Grand Master, requesting him to direct the Grand Treasurer to place to their Credit the Amount of subscriptions for rebuilding the Hall and the insurance of \$20,000, made report which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the Grand Lodge of Penns^a:-

"The Committee appointed on the 7th instant, to whom was referred the Communication of the Building Committee of the New Hall,
"Beg leave to Report,

"That they have considered the subject referred to them, and are of opinion that the sum of \$20,000 from the Insurance and the sums raised by subscription, or otherwise, should be transferred to the joint Credit of the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge and the Committee of Accounts of the Building Committee, consisting of Brother James Harper, junr and Cornelius Stevenson.

"They therefore offer the following Resolution :

"Resolved, that the said sum of \$20,000 and the various sums raised by subscription or otherwise, be transferred to the joint Credit of the Grand Treasurer and the Committee of Accounts of the Building Committee and as received by them, deposited in One of the Banks of the City of Philadelphia, and drawn therefrom as occasion may require by Checks or Orders signed jointly by the said Grand Treasurer and the Committee of Accounts, Provided that nothing herein contained shall interfere with any arrangements made and hereafter carried into effect with the Insurance Company.

(Sign'd)	"THO ^s . ELLIOTT, "J. RANDALL, "W ^m . McCORKLE,	} Committee."
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"Phil^a. 21 June, 1819."

Which report was adopted,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Building Committee be respectfully requested to make a report of their proceedings to this Grand Lodge so far as they have proceeded in the execution of the duties assigned them.

The Committee appointed to enquire respecting the Compensation to be allowed to the Grand Tyler made report, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

"The Committee appointed on the 7th inst. to enquire whether any and if any, what annual compensation shall be allowed to the Grand Tyler during the occupation of the present building by the Grand Lodge,

"Report, that they have examined into the subject com-

“mitted to their care, and have had an interview with the
“Grand Tyler which has resulted in the following information.

“The present emoluments of the Grand Tyler consist of an
“allowance of three dollars for each meeting, of which there
“are about 10 or 12 in the year, making in all \$30 to \$36.

“The services performed by him consist of

“1st. The labour of serving notices for each communication
“of the Grand Lodge to 280 Members or thereabouts, dis-
“persed throughout the City and Liberties, a service which in
“the Opinion of your Committee is worth five Dollars for
“each meeting.

“2nd. The personal attendance of himself and his son, who
“acts as his assistant, for a stipulated salary in keeping the
“apartments in order, in making fires, in laying out and ar-
“ranging the Jewels and aprons of the different Members, and
“in collecting and depositing them again in their proper
“places. This service it is stated occupies one afternoon pre-
“ceeding, and one Morning following each meeting of the
“Grand Lodge.

“3rd. His personal attendance at the meetings of the Hall
“Committee, which are held once a Month, serving notices
“therefor, making fires in the proper season, &c.

“4th. His personal attendance at the Hall on the evenings
“when it is occupied by Lodges which do not employ him as
“Tyler, of which there are six, in order to make fires, and
“afterwards to extinguish them.

“5th. A general superintendence of the building at all times
“and a liability to be called upon for various little services
“which exists as well in the occupancy of the Old Hall as of
“the New.

“In addition to these services as Grand Tyler, Brother
“Snyder acts as Tyler to 19 Lodges, 3 Chapters and 1 En-
“campment, from his attendance upon which he receives
“about \$550 per Annum. His fees for Initiation do not ex-
“ceed \$100 per Annum at the utmost, so that his present
“revenue is somewhat short of \$700 per Annum. This salary
“your Committee is aware would be a liberal Compensation
“if the services could be performed by one person, but this is

"not the case. One half of that sum is necessary to command the services of the assistant, whose time as well as that of his employer is chiefly, if not entirely devoted to Masonic duties.

"Your Committee is sensible that at the present period every retrenchment in the expenses of the Grand Lodge which is practicable, ought to be introduced. Brother Snyder himself is aware of this circumstance, and with a proper feeling upon the subject, voluntarily proposed to be satisfied with *one half the sum* latterly allowed him. Your Committee considering the services actually rendered to the Grand Lodge by the Grand Tyler, and the responsibility of his Office as the guardian of property valued at some thousands of Dollars, were of opinion that such a reduction was more generous than ought reasonably to have been accepted. They have therefore agreed to recommend to the Grand Lodge the following resolution.

"Resolved, that until otherwise ordered, the Grand Tyler be allowed for his services in addition to his present perquisites amounting to \$3 per Night, a Salary of Two Hundred Dollars per Annum, to commence at the cessation of his former allowance of \$300 per Annum.

"Phil^a. June 21, 1819."

"CANDY RAGUET,	} Committee."
"I. R. HOPKINS,	
"ANTHY. FANNEN,	

On Motion, the above resolution was amended by striking out the words "*Two hundred*" and inserting "*One hundred and fifty*" in lieu thereof.

The report and resolution as amended were then adopted.

Brother Ireland, on behalf of the Grand Encampment, applied to the Grand Lodge to reduce the Annual rent which the Grand Encampment pays for the use of the room in which it holds its meetings.

When on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Encampment be allowed the use of the Chapter Room hereafter for the sum of twenty five Dollars per Annum.

The Report of the Committee appointed on the Complaint of Bro. James Campbell against Lodge N^o 9, read in Grand Lodge the 16 March, 1819, and laid on the Table, was taken up for consideration, read, and the question being taken, shall the report of the Committee be adopted? It was decided in the negative.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday the Nineteenth day of July next, at Seven o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S DAY, Philadelphia, Thursday, June 24, A. D. 1819, A. L. 5819.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

BRO. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

- " Thomas Elliott, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- " Josiah Randall, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " James P. Bewley, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " Charles Schneider, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " Robert Grant, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 21, 45, 67, 72, 114, 115, 126, 127, 130 and 141 represented.

Eleven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at half past 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, containing an account of its proceedings in November and December, 1818. Which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

A Communication was receiv'd and read from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, containing an account of its Proceedings in December, 1818. Which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

A Communication was receiv'd and read from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, containing the Names of the Grand Officers for the present year, &c. Which was ordered to be filed.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 19th. A. D. 1819, A. L. 5819.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

BRO. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

" Thomas Elliott, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" Josiah Randall, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

" Henry G. Freeman, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

" Charles Schneider, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

" Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.

" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

" Joseph Burden, R. W. Past Senior Grand Warden.

Lodges Nos. 2, 8, 21, 45, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 75, 91, 108, 114, 115, 125, 131, 184, 189, 141, 155, 157, 158 and 161 represented.

Twenty Three Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 8 o'clock in the Evening.

The Building Committee made report which was read and is as follows, to wit :

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

"Agreeably to a Resolution of the Grand Lodge of the 21st

"Ultimo, the Building Committee make report of their proceedings under the appointment they received from the R.

"W. Grand Master, according to a resolution of the Grand

"Lodge of the 16th March last.

"The Committee met for the first time on the 18th of March, and having named their Chairman, appointed George A. Baker to be their Secretary, at such compensation as should be fixed by the Committee after they had learned by experience the duties he would have to perform, and which at the expiration of three Months was fixed at One hundred and fifty dollars per Annum.

"The Committee at their first meeting also directed that the remaining part of the Hall should be cleared of the rubbish and the Iron, &c., taken care of under the direction of Brother John Nisbet, who had been previously put in charge of the premises by the R. W. Grand Master.

"The Committee then proceeded to invite in the public papers, plans for reconstructing the Hall, with an offer of One hundred dollars for such plan as should be approved. A number of plans were accordingly submitted, none of which exactly suited the views of the Committee, who finally agreed to one formed from those which were submitted, and then invited the Grand Officers and past Grand Masters to consider the same, who after several meetings and suggesting alterations, finally on the 15th April approved of the following, viz:

"That the exterior Walls of the Masonic Hall shall not be taken down.

"That in the plan to be adopted for the reconstruction of the Hall, no preparation shall be made for laying the foundation of a spire.

"That the internal work of the Hall shall be finished in a neat, plain manner.

"That the arrangement of the rooms in the lower story shall be the same as before.

"That the arrangement of the rooms in the second story shall be the same as before, except that the Grand Lodge room shall be square instead of Circular as before, and that the refreshing room shall be made into a Lodge room.

"That the brick work in the front wall shall be rough cast.

"That an additional building suitable for the purposes of refreshment shall be erected in the rear of the Hall running North with the Western line of the same.

“That the roof of the Hall and of the additional building shall be slated.

“Immediately after this Meeting the Committee proceeded to consider the best mode of going on with the work, and determined not to have it done by contract, but to employ a superintendent who should devote his whole time to the business, to keep the accounts of all the work done, to hire and pay hands, and as far as practicable to procure the work to be done by the piece. The Committee fixed his compensation at four Dollars per day, and subsequently appointed Samuel Webb, superintendent, who has discharged the duties to the satisfaction of the Committee.

“The Committee determined at an early period to employ Brethren only to do the different work where it could be done without injury to the interest of the Grand Lodge, which has always been the object of their primary attention.

“In all instances where possible, the Committee have invited proposals for doing the different parts, and have selected those which under all circumstances they consider best.

“Some alterations in the plan of the building in the rear of the Hall having been suggested to the Committee, the Grand Officers and Past Grand Masters were desired to consider them, who on the 10th May approved of the plan, which will be more fully explained by the accompanying drafts.

“The Committee have considered it their duty to prepare plans for those who were to decide on them, and to carry into effect what was directed by the Grand Officers and Past Grand Masters, tho’ differing in some points from their own views of the subject.

“The Committee beg leave to refer to their Minute Book to shew their proceedings, the persons who they have employed, and the contracts they have made, which have been all for Cash, so as to obtain the greatest possible advantage.

“The superintendent has prepared an estimate of the sum required to complete the building which is herewith submitted.

“The Committee regret to say that the payments made to

"them on account of the subscriptions to rebuild the Hall are
"very trifling, and they think some plan should be devised to
"hasten the collection, which will be a saving to the Grand
"Lodge in the losses which delay would naturally beget, and
"also require less frequent drafts on the Insurance Company
"where the Money is drawing Interest. All which is re-
"spectfully submitted.

(Sign'd)

"JOSEPH F. LEWIS,

"RICHARD TYBOUT,

"JOSEPH BURDEN,

"JAMES HARPER, junr."

"CORNELIUS STEVENSON."

"Philadelphia,

"July 14, 1819."

Which report was ordered to be laid on the table.

The estimate accompanying the said report was also read,
and is as follows, to wit :

"At the request of the Building Committee I have made an
"estimate of the cost of reconstructing the Masonic Hall in
"Chestnut Street, and of the additional building to the North
"thereof; and am of the opinion the same will amount to
"thirty eight thousand nine hundred and eighty four dollars.

(Sign'd)

"SAMUEL WEBB."

Which was ordered to be laid on the Table, together with
the drafts accompanying the report.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Committee appointed by the R. W. Grand
Master at the General Meeting on the 11th day of March last,
be forthwith required to hand over to the Grand Secretary
their subscription papers, and that one or more persons be ap-
pointed by the R. W. Grand Master, who shall proceed to the
collection of the balance remaining uncollected, and that he
or they receive such compensation as the R. W. Grand Master
shall think proper to allow.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock in the Even-
ing.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 6th, A. D. 1819, A. L. 5819.
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

- " Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " Anthony Fannen, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.
- " Randall Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.
- " Benjamin Say, Grand Marshal.
- " David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
- " Joseph Burden, R. W. Past S. G. Warden.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 62, 67, 71, 72, 84, 91, 114, 121, 128, 131, 134, 139, 141, 155 and 158 represented.

Twenty Three Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at half past 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication and of the Meetings held since were read and approved.

A Petition from divers ancient York Master Masons was received and read, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the City of Havana, in the Island of Cuba, to be called "La Fidelidad Havanera," and that Brother Francisco Domingo might be named Worshipful Master; Brother Santiago W. Perrossier, Senior Warden, and Brother Bartolome Siberio, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, It was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted, that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 167.

A Petition from divers ancient York Master Masons was received and read, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the Village of Doylestown, in the County of Bucks, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to be called "Doylestown

Benevolent Lodge," and that Brother William Whittingham might be named Worshipful Master; Brother Joseph Hare, Senior Warden, and Brother Jonathan Wood, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge,

It was on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 168.

A Petition from divers Ancient York Master Masons was receiv'd and read, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the Borough of Columbia, in the County of Lancaster, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to be called "The Eastern Star Lodge," and that Brother William Greer might be named Worshipful Master; Brother James Given, Senior Warden, and Brother Joseph S. Wallace, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge,

It was on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 169.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 165, held at Pittsburgh, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penn^a:

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred for "examination the Bye Laws of Milnor Lodge, N^o. 165, held "in the City of Pittsburgh,
"Respectfully Report,

"That they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that they be adopted with the following amendments,
"Viz:

"Article 3rd. after the word '*questions*' in the 7th line of the "first paragraph relating to the duty of the Master, strike "out, '*Subject to an appeal to the Lodge by any two members.*'

"Article 4th. section 2nd. strike out, 'But in case of emergency of which the Lodge shall judge, the candidate if well

“known to the Brethren to be a Man of Virtuous principles
 “and of integrity and honor, may be ballotted for and initi-
 “ated on the night of application.

“The Committee recommend this clause to be stricken out,
 “as it is an encroachment on the prerogative of the R. W.
 “Grand Master, who alone possesses the power by his Dis-
 “pensation to authorize Persons to be initiated without laying
 “over the time required by the regulations of the Craft.
 “But that the Lodges in Pittsburgh may enjoy the privilege
 “of making Persons by Dispensation, the Committee further
 “recommend that the R. W. Grand Master be respectfully re-
 “quested to authorize and empower some Brother resident in
 “the City of Pittsburgh to grant Dispensations in Cases of
 “emergency to Enter, Pass and Raise Persons to the Degree
 “of Master Mason, and also to Pass Brethren to the Chair in
 “any Lodge now established or hereafter to be established in
 “the said City of Pittsburgh.

“Same article, section 5th, strike out all between the word
 “‘writing’ in the ‘second line’ and the ‘sustains’ in the ‘third
 “line,’ and insert, ‘and be recommended by two Master Masons,
 “who are Members of the Lodge, whereupon a Committee of Three
 “Master Masons shall be appointed to inquire into the Character
 “of the Petitioner who shall report at the next stated Meeting when
 “if they report that he.’

“Same article, section 6th. Strike out the whole of this section.

“Same article, section 7th. Strike out ‘7’ and insert ‘6.’

“Article 5th, section 4th. Strike out the whole of this section.

“Your Committee are of Opinion that the Worshipful
 “Master of a Lodge has the right to determine all questions
 “of order, and that there can be no appeal from his decision,
 “except to the Grand Lodge.

“Article 9th, section 4th. In the 5th line of this section strike
 “out, ‘or at the next meeting of the Lodge,’ and in the 8th line
 “of the same section strike out ‘for that Meeting.’

“All which is respectfully submitted.

(Sign’d)

“GEORGE A. BAKER,

“STEPHEN W. SMITH,

“THOMAS S. MANNING,

} Committee.”

“Philadelphia, August 23, 1819.”

Which Report was adopted.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 9 o'clock in the Evening, to meet again on Monday the 4th day of October next, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 4, A. D. 1819, A. L. 5819.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Brother BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

- " Lambert Keatting, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " Henry Benner, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " James Harper, jun^r, Deputy Grand Secretary.
- " Robert Grant, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " Armon Davis, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " Benjamin Say, Grand Marshal.
- " Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 81, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 127, 130, 131, 134, 139, 141, 147, 155 and 158 represented.

Twenty Three Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 142, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for "examination the Bye Laws of ' Village Lodge, N^o. 142,' held "in the Village of Sadsbury, Chester County,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have carefully examined the same, and recom-

"mend that they be adopted with the following amendments,
"viz :

"To article the first, add, 'The Officers of the Lodge shall
"be elected by ballot at the stated Meeting next preceeding
"St John the Evangelist's day in December annually, which
"election shall be held in the manner provided for by the
"2nd Chapter of the Book of Constitution of the Grand Lodge
"of Pennsylvania.

"Article 12th. Strike out the word '*one*' in the *third line* of
"this article and insert '*two*.'

"Article 13th. Strike out the word '*one*' in the *fifth line* of
"this article and insert '*two*.'

"Article 14th. After the word '*brother*' in the *first line* of
"this Article insert '*in good standing*,' and after the word '*in-*
"*tentions*' in the second line, insert '*to do so in writing at a*
"*stated meeting when his request shall be granted*,' and in the
"same article strike out the words '*State his reasons therefor,*
"*which if satisfactory to a majority of the Members present.*'
"Your Committee recommend this clause to be stricken out,
"because they are of opinion that every Brother in good
"standing upon paying his dues has a right to withdraw
"whenever he sees proper, without being obliged to assign any
"reason for doing so.

"All which is respectfully submitted.

(Sign'd)

"GEORGE A. BAKER,
"STEPHEN W. SMITH, } Committee."
"THOMAS S. MANNING,

"Philadelphia,

"August 23, 1819."

Which Report was adopted.

A Letter was received and read from Brother Warrick Miller, W. Master of Lodge N^o 142, stating that Brothers Gest, Barr and Vanlear, who had joined in the application to the Grand Lodge for the Warrant for said Lodge, had previous to the constitution of the Lodge removed to the State of Ohio, that a difference of Opinion existed among the Members of the Lodge, whether these Brethren were or were not Mem-

bers thereof; that the Lodge wished the opinion of the Grand Lodge on the subject, and that if the Grand Lodge considered them as Members they would be pleased to remit the dues owing for them to the Grand Lodge. When

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Lodge dues of Brothers Gest, Barr and Vanlear be remitted, and that Lodge N^o 142 be at liberty to consider the said Brethren in future as Members or not, as the Lodge shall see fit.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed to write to the different Lodges within the State, requesting them to use their influence with the Members of the next Legislature to obtain an exemption from taxation of the property of the Grand Lodge for twenty years to come, or for such time as the Legislature may think fit.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Randall, Lewis and M^cCorkle, a Committee for the above purpose.

A Petition was receiv'd from Brother Lambert Keatting, Complaining against Brothers Johnson, Hootton and Webb, Committee of Accounts of Lodge N^o 67, also against Bro. Samuel Webb, J. Warden of said Lodge, while acting as W. Master, P. T., which was referred to Brothers Randall, Lewis and Kittera to inquire and make report.

Proposals were receiv'd and read from Brother Victor Guillou, offering to take upon a Lease for five years, certain parts of the New Hall at the rate of Sixteen Hundred Dollars per Annum, which was referred to the Grand Officers to enquire and make report.

A Petition was received and read from Brothers Newman, M^cCleary and Black, relative to the proposals offered by them to the Building Committee to do the plastering and stucco work in the New Hall, which was referred to Brothers Raguet, Fannen and Peter Benner to enquire and make report.

A Copy of a resolution passed by Milnor Lodge, N^o 165, on the 21st July, 1819, was received and read appointing Brother James Harper, junior, proxy, to represent said Lodge in

Grand Lodge, when, on Motion made and Seconded, Brother Harper was duly recognized as proxy for said Lodge.

A Communication dated Hamburg, May 3, 1819, was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Hamburg respecting the refusal of Ohio Lodge, N^o 113, to admit Augustus Henry Gläser as a Visitor. Which Communication, together with the Letter formerly received from A. H. Gläser on the same subject, was referred to the Committee of Correspondence to inquire and make report.

Return to Dispensation to constitute "Evergreen Lodge, N^o 163," held at Towanda, Bradford County, was received and read, whereby it appeared that the said Lodge was duly Constituted on the 12th day of August last.

Return to Dispensation to constitute Lodge "La Union de Regla, N^o 166," held in the Town of Regla, suburbs of Havanna, was received and read, whereby it appeared that the said Lodge was duly Constituted on the Ninth day of May last.

A Commission properly executed, was received and read from said Lodge appointing Brother Joseph S. Lewis, Proxy, to represent said Lodge in the Grand Lodge. When, on Motion, Brother Lewis was recognized as Proxy for said Lodge.

An offer of the Loan of Money was received and read from the Trustees of Lodge N^o 67, held at Philadelphia, and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
"Grand Lodge, Penn^a :

"We, the trustees of Concordia Lodge, N^o 67, taking into
"consideration the present depressed state of the funds of the
"Grand Lodge, beg leave to offer to their acceptance a Loan
"of Monies intrusted to us by Concordia Lodge aforesaid,
"according to a resolution thereof, passed the 11th day of
"June last, upon the following Conditions: that is to say, the
"Grand Lodge is to receive from them any sum not less than
"One Hundred Dollars, whenever the trustees shall have it to
"deposit, then it is to draw Interest at 6 p. c. until the close
"of the year, when the interest is to be placed to their Credit,

"and together with the principal to form a new principal for
 "next year, which, with the Interest thereon, together with
 "such sums as shall from time to time be deposited and the
 "interest thereon are to form the Principal for the next year,
 "and so ad infinitum, until there shall such sum accrue as the
 "interest thereof will be sufficient to pay the Grand Lodge
 "dues of Lodge N^o. 67, then to be held subject to the order of
 "the trustees until otherwise disposed of by the Lodge.

"All which is respectfully submitted.

(Sign'd)

"Phila^a, Sept^r. 6th, 5819.

"JONATHAN JOHNSON,
 "ANDREW HOOTTON, } Trustees."
 "SAMUEL WEBB,

On Motion, Resolved, that said offer be accepted.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, p. m.,
 to meet again on Monday, the 1st of November next, at 6
 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
 Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 1, A. D. 1819, A. L. 5819.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly
 Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

" Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

" William McCorkle, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Joseph T. Clement, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.

" John Darragh, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

" Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

" Benjamin Say, Grand Marshal.

" Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant.

" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 73, 114, 115, 121, 131,
 139, 141, 155, 158, 165 and 91 represented.

Twenty Three Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

A Letter dated York, (Pennsylvania), October 21, 1819, was received and read from Bro. George Haller, late W. Master of Lodge N^o. 123, held at York Town, whose Warrant was some time since surrendered, praying in behalf of the Members of the late Lodge for permission to meet and resume their Labours, and stating that they were willing to pay up all arrearages due the Grand Lodge, to make a present towards rebuilding the Hall of 50 Dollars, and if able to give 100 Dollars, would do so. The dues to be paid in January next and the gift some time in the Spring. When on Motion, Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that the Members of the late Lodge N^o. 123, be authorized to meet and resume their labours.

On Motion, Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to write to Bro. Haller and inform him that the permission granted to the Members of Lodge N^o. 123, to meet and resume their Labours, is only on condition that they comply with the terms contained in his Letter.

A Letter dated Connelsville, June 5, 1819, was received and read from Bro. Robert D. Moore, late W. Master of Lodge N^o. 110, held at Connelsville, inclosing an Extract from the Minutes of the said Lodge of the 9th April, 1819, dissolving the said Lodge, and an Inventory of the property of said Lodge; also, a Letter from said Robert D. Moore, dated 3 September, 1819, was received and read, requesting to know what construction is to be put on the word "*surrender*" in the Article of the rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge which required the Warrant, &c., of demised Lodges to be surrendered. Whether the property must be transported or sold and the proceeds remitted to the Grand Treasurer?

On Motion, Resolved, that the surrender of the Warrant of Lodge N^o. 110, be accepted.

On Motion, Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be requested to direct the Grand Secretary to write to the late W. Master of Lodge N^o. 110, directing him to sell or dispose of, as the R. W. Grand Master may deem proper, the funds, furni-

ture, jewells, &c., of that Lodge and to transmit the same or the proceeds thereof.

Brother Randall applied to be discharged from the Committee to whom the Complaint of Bro. Keatting against Bro. Johnson and Others was referred. His request was granted, and Bro. Samuel F. Bradford was appointed in his place.

The Grand Officers to whom was referred the application of Victor Guillou to rent certain parts of the Hall made report, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"The Grand Officers to whom was referred the application
"from Victor Guillou for renting certain rooms in the New
"Hall,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have taken the subject into consideration, and
"are of opinion that it is adviseable to let such parts of the
"New Hall as will not be required for Masonic purposes as
"speedily as possible after the rooms shall be respectively
"completed.

"That it is the duty of the Grand Lodge in its present circumstances to procure the best rent for them that can be obtained, and that in their opinion a greater rent can be obtained for some of them by renting them for balls than for any other purpose. They therefore recommend that they be let for that purpose, and respectfully submit the subjoined resolutions for approbation and adoption.

(Sign'd)

"B. NEWCOMB, G. M.

"JOS. BARNES, D. G. M.

"THO^s. ELLIOTT, S. G. W.

"J. RANDALL, J. G. W.

"Nov. 1, 1819."

"GEORGE A. BAKER, G. S.

"1. Resolved, that a Committee of five be appointed who shall have power to rent such of the rooms in the New Hall as shall not be required for Masonic purposes so soon as the same shall be respectively completed.

"2. Resolved, that the said Committee be authorized to let such of the rooms as they may deem expedient for Ball rooms."

Which report and resolutions were adopted.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following Brethren a Committee for the purpose contained in the above resolutions, viz. : Joseph S. Lewis, Frederick Erringer, James Harper, jun^r, Stephen W. Smith and Henry Hom.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that in the Month of August last the Grand Officers had effected an Insurance of Ten Thousand Dollars for One Year on the New Hall at the American Fire Insurance Company's office at 1½ per cent., amounting to One hundred and twenty-five dollars, and one Dollar for the policy, and requested the Grand Lodge to sanction their conduct.

On Motion, Resolved, that this Grand Lodge approve of the Insurance.

On Motion, Resolved, that the Grand Officers be authorized from time to time to effect further Insurance as they may think proper.

The R. W. Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge an obligation to be given by the Grand Lodge to the Trustees of Lodge No. 67, as a Security for the Monies which they may loan to the Grand Lodge which was read, when on Motion the same was approved of.

The Committee appointed to write to the Country Lodges, requesting their influence with the Members of the Legislature, to pass a Law to exempt the New Hall from the payment of taxes made report which was read and adopted and is as follows, to wit :

"To the Grand Lodge of Penn^a :

"The Committee appointed on the 4th inst^a, relative to the exemption of the Masonic Hall, beg leave to report that they have addressed a circular Letter to the different Lodges throughout the State, a Copy of which is hereto annexed and which they request may be considered a part of their Report ; they therefore offer the following Resolution :

"Resolved, that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject assigned them.

(Sign'd)

"J. RANDALL.

"W^m. McCORKLE."

"Phil^a. Nov^r. 1, 1819."

The Letter annexed to said Report was also read and ordered to be filed with it.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Bro^m Newman, McCleary and Black, made report which was read and is as follows, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

“The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of “Brothers Newman, McCleary and Black beg leave to report.

“That they have examined the proposals made by those “Brethren to the Building Committee of the New Hall, and “have found them to be as follows, viz : Ten Cents per yard “for plastering and a deduction of twenty per cent. from the “usual price on the stucco work. Nothing was said as to a “deduction from the usual price on circular, elliptical, spherical and spheroidical plastering, but the applicants proposed “a present to the Grand Lodge of Seven Hundred Dollars.

“It appears that proposals were made to the Building Committee for the work by ten different plasterers, and that the “Committee accepted those presented by Mr. William Thackara. The terms offered by that Gentleman were ten Cents “for plastering including all the circular, elliptical, spherical “and spheroidical work, which is charged at 2, 2½, 3 and 4 “times the price of plain plastering, with a deduction of “twenty-five per Cent. on the Stucco, a present to the Grand “Lodge of five hundred dollars and a stipulation to take the “payment of one half the Amount of his Bill in Certificates “of Stock.

“The proposals made by Mr. Thackara were considered “more favourable to the Interests of the Grand Lodge than “those made by Brothers Newman, McCleary and Black, inasmuch as the deduction of 25 per Cent. on the price of the “Stucco work, the abatement of the extra charge on the “Circular, arch and other expensive plastering estimated to “be equal to 350 to 500 dollars, the present of five hundred “dollars and the taking of Stock in part payment proposed by “the former, amounts to more than the deduction of 20 per “Cent. on the stucco and the present of Seven hundred “dollars proposed by the latter.

"Upon the whole, however, the terms proposed by Brothers Newman, McCleary and Black, being probably within two or three hundred dollars of those proposed by Mr. Thackara, and being much more favourable to the Interests of the Grand Lodge than several, if not most of those which were handed in, your Committee are satisfied that their proposals does not deserve the title of 'extravagant,' and any report injurious to their 'character and reputation,' founded upon such a supposition, is entirely unfounded.

"All which is respectfully submitted by
(Sign'd)

"CANDY RAGUET.

"ANTH. FANNEN.

"PETER BENNER."

"Philad., November 1, 1819."

Which Report was adopted, and on Motion, the conduct of the Building Committee in this particular case was unanimously approved of.

On Motion, Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be hereby authorized to appoint a Committee on behalf of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to apply and endeavour to procure from the General Assembly of Pennsylvania an exoneration of the Lot and Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street now rebuilding, from all taxes or assessments for the term of 20 years, or such other period as they in their discretion may deem right and expedient, in consequence of the heavy loss sustained by the late awful and destructive conflagration.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the Grand Officers together with the following Brethren a Committee for the above purpose, Viz: Edward Burd, Thomas McEuen, Richard Bache, Jacob Holgate, Richard Tybout, James Harper, junr. William Delany, Peter A. Browne, Joseph Worrell, George M. Dallas, Thomas Kittera, Samuel Badger and James N. Barker.

A Petition was receiv'd and read from Bro. Ezekiel Butler, Complaining that Lodge N^o 3 detained a Circular Petition for Charity which he had addressed to the different Lodges in the City of Philadelphia, which was referred to Brothers John Darragh, George W. Jones and C. W. Keyser, to enquire and make report.

A Petition was received and read from Bro. John Pearce, a Member of Lodge N^o. 67, complaining that a certain brother, Charles Starkey, who at present is not a Member of any particular Lodge, had circulated a false and malicious report to the defamation of the petitioner's masonic Character. Which was referred to Brothers Joseph Worrell, T. B. Freeman and Isaac Myers, to enquire and make report.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge N^o. 103, held at the Havana, and is as follows, Viz :

"Ad Majorem Supremi Architecti Gloriam. Havana, Is-
land of Cuba, 21st day of September, Anno Lucis 5819.

"Worshipful Lodge N^o. 103, 'El Templo de las Virtudes
'Teologales,' regularly constituted under the Jurisdiction of
"the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"To the said Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, Greeting.
"Our sister Lodge N^o. 157, 'Las Delicias de la Havana,' hav-
ing communicated to us on the 11th ultimo, that compelled
"by many powerful motives, it had unanimously resolved to
"open Masonic correspondence with the Lodges established
"here, under the authority of the Consistory, we held an extra
"meeting on the 15th of the same Month to take into due con-
sideration the censurable conduct of those Brethren. Your
"prohibitory decree of 6th July of last Year and other docu-
ments relative to our non-intercourse with the above Lodges,
"were produced to shew the extent of the fault committed by
"Lodge N^o. 157, and on Motion being made and seconded, to
"forbid Masonic communication with it, W. Master Eche-
verria presented a document, (which was also read), being a
"representation under date of the 30th June last, subscribed
"by himself and Our Wardens, and by the W. Masters and
"Wardens of Lodges N^o. 157 and 166, addressed to our W.
"Brother Jose M. Canalejo, on the subject of Our non-inter-
course with the Lodges of the Consistory, and then request-
ing the attention of the Lodge to his introductory observa-
tions, (compared in the annexed document), submitted to
"our discussion and decision the two following questions, viz :
"1st Is it convenient, our present circumstances considered,
"to open Masonic communication with the Lodges of
"the Consistory ?

“2nd. Should it be decided in the affirmative, may we open
“the said Communication immediately, or must we
“previously represent our situation to the Right Wor-
“shipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and await its
“resolution on the subject?

“The Lodge unanimously admitted that the Communica-
“tion with the Lodges of the Consistory, (say to allow our
“Members to visit them and to grant to those Masons free
“access into our Lodges,) would be productive of many advan-
“tages to the whole fraternity in this Country; and having
“then proceeded to take into consideration the first part of the
“2nd question, a long and very interesting discussion ensued
“thereupon.

“W. Master Echeverria and our Senior Warden strenuously
“sustained that our present situation authorized us to open
“the said intercourse immediately. Some Brethren adhered
“to that opinion and even went so far as to assert that there
“are circumstances in which a subordinate body may adopt
“measures contrary to particular injunctions of its superior,
“without deviating on that account from the obedience which
“in every other respect it has sworn to it, specially so when
“those measures are beneficial to that body and would be
“adopted by the superior itself under similar circumstances,
“and that many subordinate bodies had been highly ap-
“plauded for having by such a prudent conduct avoided
“impending evils. But the majority of the Members opposed
“to those arguments the strict observance of your prohibitory
“decree of the 6th July of last year, and other potent reasons
“which finally contributed to the rejection of the first part of
“the above 2nd question, by thirty-two Votes against ten.

“The motion relative to Lodge N^o 157 was then resumed,
“and by a great majority of Votes, masonic communication
“with that Lodge was formally interdicted.

“The Lodge took into due consideration the conclusion of
“the 2nd question of the W. Master, and it having been unan-
“imously resolved to represent to your R. W. Grand Lodge
“the motives which now induce us to solicit a revocation of
“your prohibitory decree respecting the aforementioned

"Lodges of the Consistory, and to request your permission to communicate with them, we therefore reverently submit to your superior judgment the following observations, which, we flatter ourselves, will meet your approbation.

"Established as we are in a Country where Masonry is severely persecuted by Government, we have every evil to fear from the clash of opinions and the dissensions between some Members of the aforesaid Lodges and others of Our own, the unavoidable consequence of the dis-union of the fraternity.

"The Number of Members of the Lodges of the Consistory exceeds, or at least is equal, to that of the Lodges of Ancient York Masons, and there are in the former as many worthy, respectable individuals as in the latter, as zealous in their cause as we are in ours. Some Brethren of our sister Lodges have visited those of the Consistory, and the fraternal reception they have met has induced them to become Members there. This is an evident proof of the inefficacy of the severe measures adopted to obstruct the progress of those irregular Societies, and convinces us of the necessity of a change of system. The Members of the Consistory, suspecting the authenticity of the powers assumed by De Glock, applauded, say applied, directly to the Grand Consistory of France, and they now affirm that altho' the proceedings of De Glock were censured by that body, the establishment of the Consistory has been confirmed and that consequently they are regularly constituted. This assertion has no influence whatever in our question respecting their subordinate Lodges, which we must still consider irregularly constituted, but we shall never be able to investigate the matter thoroughly to ascertain the truth until we have a free communication with them.

"Those Lodges have not altered in the least the doctrine nor the ritual ceremonies of our order; they make use of the same distinctive words, signs and grips that we do, and observe the same uniformity in their mode of working. Our intercourse with them will enable us if we find that they are really irregular, to exert all our influence to convince those

"Brethren of that defect and persuade them to extinguish
 "their Lodges and join our own, that they may be entitled to
 "the benefits of ancient regular Masons, and this success will
 "consolidate the fraternity in this Country and add new
 "lustre to the reputation of our sublime order, which must
 "necessarily lose its worth in the opinion of a newly made
 "brother, who, whilst we assure him that masonry is the
 "center of the Union of all Virtuous and enlightened men,
 "and that we compose but one family, will observe that we
 "forbid him all communication with our brethren.

"These our respectful remonstrance dictated by a laudable
 "desire to promote the prosperity of our order and establish
 "brotherly concord, can not diminish in the least our attach-
 "ment to the principles of Ancient Masonry which we profess.
 "And with hopes that your Right Worshipful Grand Lodge,
 "taking into due consideration the circumstances herein
 "stated, will grant our request of permission to communicate
 "with the Lodges held here under the authority of the Con-
 "sistory, we fervently pray the supreme Architect of the
 "Universe to pour his blessings on your Right Worshipful
 "Grand Lodge.

{ SEAL. } (Sign'd) "JUAN MAN^L ECHEVERRIA, R. A.,
 "W. Master of Lodge N^o 103."

"Attest, Pedro A. Garcia,

"Secretary of Lodge N^o 103."

The observations of Brother Echeverria referred to in the
 foregoing Communication were also read and are as follows,
 Viz :

"Observations of Broth. Juan Manual de Echeverria, W.
 "Master of Lodge N^o 103, 'El Templo de las Virtudes Teolo-
 "'gales,' on the non-intercourse with the Lodges of the Con-
 "sistory addressed to the S^d. Lodge N^o 103.

"The clash of opinions and the frequent unavoidable dis-
 "sentions resulting from the disunion of the fraternity here,
 "having some time ago called my attention and that of our
 "Wardens and of the W. Master and Wardens of Lodge N^o
 "157 and 166, we subscribed on the 30th June last the repre-

"sentation which has now been read. We intended to have
"submitted that document to the consideration of our W.
"Brother, Jose Maria Canalejo, requesting him to adopt in-
"stantly or with the previous approbation of the Right Wor-
"shipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, measures that we
"deemed necessary to remedy the difficulties we already suf-
"fered, and the greater evils to which we were exposed by our
"non-intercourse with the Lodges of the Consistory ; but con-
"vinced afterwards upon a more attentive consideration of the
"matter, that the concession of the principal object of our re-
"quest exceeded the extent of the powers conferred on that
"W. Brother, and that the above representation was our own
"act without the previous consultation and consent of our re-
"spective Lodges, we desisted from our purpose without alter-
"ing however our sentiments on the subject that prompted us
"to that attempt.

"The increase of Members in the Lodges of the Consistory
"is an evident proof of the inefficacy of our non-intercourse
"with them, and shows the necessity of changing our system
"towards them, either adopting new measures to obstruct
"their progress, or what would be more conformable to the
"nature and spirit of Masonry, facilitating on our part their
"reformation by mutual intercourse with those Brethren who
"regular or irregular are our fellow Citizens, and many of
"them our intimate friends and relations.

"The Mischief occasioned by the irregular establishment
"of the Consistory and its subordinate Lodges is sufficiently
"compensated by the advantages they have produced con-
"tributing with us to the propagation of Masonry in this
"Country, diminishing thus in a great degree the dangers to
"which we are exposed.

"Some Members of Our Lodges under the erroneous idea
"that our Character will be debased by opening that com-
"munication are adverse to it ; but we the subscribers to the
"above mentioned representation still recommend that meas-
"ure, fully persuaded that it will be the means of establishing
"brotherly concord and adjusting our differences in a manner
"honourable to ourselves and beneficial to the whole fraternity.

"This frank avowal of our sentiments supported by the
 "powerful motives explained in our said representation will
 "surely undeceive those, who influenced by rumors malici-
 "ously propagated, have been induced to suspect our regard
 "for the dignity of Our Lodges and our attachment to the
 "principles of ancient Masonry.

"Some Brethren overzealous and few others of turbulent
 "disposition have, it seems, a particular interest in perpetu-
 "ating the discord between our Lodges and those of the Con-
 "sistory. Luckily none of the above Brethren belong to our
 "Lodge, and I trust that no expressions whatever which may
 "perhaps have been uttered against us by a few ignorant or
 "malicious Brethren, will be a motive to obstruct the laudable
 "purpose of uniting the fraternity. Two or three individuals
 "do not compose a Society, nor can the misdemeanor of only
 "two or three Members bring discredit upon the whole society
 "to which they belong. It does not become our dignity to
 "resent such despicable conduct; Greater and Nobler senti-
 "ments must distinguish our deportment, if we wish to sus-
 "tain the high reputation which our W. Lodge justly enjoys.
 "And nothing in my opinion will contribute more effectually
 "to its glory than our moderation and generosity in the dis-
 "cussion of the questions which I shall presently purpose and
 "our impartial decision on that important subject.

"Questions.

- "1st. Is it convenient, our present circumstances considered,
 "to open Masonic communication with the Lodges of
 "the Consistory?
 "2nd. Should it be decided in the affirmative, may we open
 "the said Communication immediately, or must we
 "previously represent our situation to the Right Wor-
 "shipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and await its
 "resolution on the subject?

"Our decision on these questions, intimately connected
 "with the motion relative to our sister Lodge, N^o 157, will
 "determine what conduct we must observe towards that
 "Lodge.

"Hav., 15 Aug., 1819. Signed. J. M. ECHEVERRIA.

"I do hereby Certify that the above is a true translation of
"the original in the Spanish language.

(Signed)

"P. A. GARCIA,

"Secretary of Lodge N^o 103."

On Motion the foregoing Communications from Lodge N^o 103 were referred to Brothers Barnes, Elliott, Randall, Baker, Lewis, Tybout, Bradford, Branu and James Harper, jun^r, to enquire and make report.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 6th, A. D. 1819, A. L. 5819.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communi-
cation.

Present :

Brother BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

" Joseph Barnes, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

" Thomas Elliott, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" Elhanan W. Keyser, R. W. Junior Grand Warden,
P. T.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

" Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

" Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

" Andrew Hootton, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

" Henry Benner, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

" David Nathans, Grand Marshal.

Rev^d. Bro. Doc. William Rodgers, Grand Chaplain.

Brother Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.

" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. P. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 43, 45, 50, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 73, 75, 81, 84, 91,
100, 103, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139, 141, 147,
152, 154, 155, 157, 158, 160, 161, 165 and 166 represented.

Forty-Two Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening. The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication and Meetings held since were read and approved.

A Petition from divers ancient York Master Masons was received and read praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the Town of Williamsport, in the County of Washington, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to be called "Hiram Lodge," and that Brother Joseph Pollock, junior, might be named Worshipful Master; Brother Shesbazzar Bentley, Senior Warden, and Brother William Wallace, junior, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, It was on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered 170.

A Petition from divers ancient York Master Masons was received and read, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge at Pottstown, in Montgomery County, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to be called "Lawrence Lodge," and that Brother Abel Thomas might be named Worshipful Master; Brother Robert May, Senior Warden, and Brother John Vanderslice, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, It was on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 171.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that this was the Evening appointed by the Regulations of the Grand Lodge for holding the Election for Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the Election.

The Grand Lodge thereupon proceeded to the Election, when

Bro. Bayse Newcomb, was duly re-elected R. W. Grand Master.

“ Thomas Elliott, was duly elected R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Brother Barnes having declined a re-election to the office of Deputy Grand Master.

“ Josiah Randall, was duly elected R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ William McCorkle, was duly elected R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, was duly re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Joseph S. Lewis, was duly re-elected R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication from Lodge N^o 103, held at the Havana, made report which was read and is as follows, to wit :

“To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

“The Committee to whom was referred the Communication from Lodge N^o 103, held at the Havana,

“Respectfully Report,

“That they have attended to the duty assigned them.

“That they do not consider the subject referred to them a question of convenience or expedience at all, but one depending upon the usages and customs and Rules and Regulations of Ancient Masons. Pursuant to these, the four degrees of Ancient Masonry are under the exclusive superintendence of Independent Grand Lodges, who alone are vested with the power of Administration and Legislation, and of granting Warrants to hold Lodges therein. It follows of course that any body of Men exercising these degrees without such a Warrant, from whatever other source they may have derived their pretended authority, are clandestine, illegal and spurious, and that the Grand Lodge could not grant the request of Lodge N^o 103, without violating their duty.

“Your Committee regret that Lodge N^o 157 should have acted in the manner which they appear to have done, but trust when they shall be convinced of their Error they will immediately correct it.

"Your Committee offer the subjoined resolutions, viz :

"1. Resolved, that the Lodges at the Havana exercising
"the degrees of Ancient Masonry under the pretended author-
"ity of the Grand Consistory of that place are illegal and un-
"constitutional.

"2. That no regular Ancient Mason or Lodge can have
"Masonic intercourse with those Lodges or with the Masons
"made therein without violating his or their Masonic duty.

"3. That unless Lodge N^o. 157 shall within one Month
"after they shall have received a Copy of this Report, return
"to their duty and conform to the Regulations of the Grand
"Lodge on this subject, the Warrant of said Lodge shall be
"vacated.

"All which is respectfully submitted.

"Dec^r. 1, 1819."

"JOS. BARNES.

"THO^s. ELLIOTT.

"J. RANDALL.

"GEORGE A. BAKER.

"RICH^d. TYBOUT.

"JAMES HARPER, jun^r.

"SAM. F. BRADFORD.

"ROB. P. BRANU.

"JOSEPH S. LEWIS."

Which Report was adopted.

A Petition signed Samuel Webb and others was received and read, which in substance stated that in or about October last two respectable Citizens applied to Concordia Lodge, N^o. 67 for initiation ; that a Committee was appointed to investigate their Character who made a favourable report ; that upon being ballotted for there were four black balls for one and two black balls for the other Candidate ; that one of those who put in a black ball had declared that he would oppose sundry respectable candidates then coming forward into the said Lodge because they were proposed by one of the Members whom he was fearful would gain the ascendancy at the ensuing election, and praying the Grand Lodge to set aside the ballot taken by Concordia Lodge aforesaid at their stated meeting in November last.

- On Motion the said Petition was referred to Brothers Elliott, Delany, Badger, Ja^a Harper, jun^r and Darragh to enquire and make report.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge N^o. 67, relative to the rejection of G—— C—— and P—— P—— in said Lodge, when the same being under consideration on Motion the further consideration thereof was postponed.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday the 20th instant, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 20th, A. D. 1819, A. L. 5819.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Brother BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Thomas Elliott, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ James Campbell, R. W. Junior Grand Warden,
P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ John L. Baker, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ George Willig, jun^r, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

Rev^d. Bro. William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Brother John Curry, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

“ Samuel P. Wetherill, Grand Marshal, P. T.

“ Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 52, 59, 67, 75, 91, 103, 114, 125, 130, 131, 134, 139, 141, 152, 154, 155, 157, 158, 161, 166 and 72 represented.

Twenty-Six Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

A Petition was received and read from divers ancient York Master Masons praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the Town of Lebanon, Lebanon County, to be named "Mount Lebanon Lodge," and that Brother Samuel F. Earl might be the first W. Master; Brother John Mason, the first Senior Warden, and Brother Adam Kettering, the first Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge,

It was on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 172.

The Committee of Accounts made report on the accounts of Brother George A. Baker, Grand Secretary, for the year 1818, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"We the Committee of Accounts of the Right Worshipful
"Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,
"Respectfully Report,

"That we have carefully examined the within account of
"the Grand Secretary from the 3rd February, 1818, to the 27th
"December, 1818, and are of opinion the same is correct,
"leaving a balance of Forty-four Dollars and fifty-one Cents
"due to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"Philadelphia, 19th Nov^r. 1819.

(Sign'd)

"WILLIAM PAGE, } Committee."
"MARK RICHARDS, }

Which report was adopted.

The Committee of Accounts made report on the accounts of George A. Baker, Grand Secretary, for the payment of Interest on the Masonic Loans for the year 1818, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee of Accounts

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have carefully examined the within account of
"George A. Baker, Grand Secretary, in account with the

"Grand Lodge for Interest on the Masonic Loans, and find
"the same correct, leaving a balance of Interest uncalled for
"of One hundred and thirty-five Dollars, which was deposited
"in Stephen Girard's Bank as per Bank Book exhibited to us.
"Philadelphia, 16th November, 1819.

(Sign'd)

"WILLIAM PAGE,
"MARK RICHARDS, } Committee."

Which report was adopted.

The Committee of Accounts made report on the Accounts
of Joseph S. Lewis, Grand Treasurer, for the Year 1818, which
was read and is as follows, to wit :

"We, the Committee of Accounts of the Right Worshipful
"Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, to whom the fore-
"going account of Joseph S. Lewis, Grand Treasurer, was re-
"ferred for examination,
"Respectfully Report,

"That we have carefully examined the same and find the
"same correct, and that there remained a balance in the
"hands of the Treasurer on the 27th December, 1818, of Nine-
"teen Hundred and One Dollars, sixty one Cents.

"Philadelphia, 19 November, 1819.

(Sign'd)

"WILLIAM PAGE,
"MARK RICHARDS, } Committee."

Which Report was adopted.

The Chairman of the Building Committee stated that he
was instructed by that Committee to mention the case of a
Carpenter of the name Hugh Pugh, (not a Mason), who had
been materially injured by a fall from a Scaffold in October
last, whilst engaged in reconstructing the Masonic Hall, that
he was so much injured thereby as to be unfit for labor, and
probably would remain so for some months, with a Wife and
several Children, and recommending some relief, and at the
same time offered the following Resolution, Viz :

Resolved, that the Building Committee be authorized to
grant relief to Hugh Pugh at their discretion, not exceeding
the sum of Fifty Dollars.

Which resolution was unanimously adopted.

A Petition was received and read from D—— A——, appealing from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o. 147, which was referred to Brothers William M^cCorkle, James Harper, jun^r. and James M^cAlpin, to enquire and make report.

A Petition was received and read from P—— G——, appealing from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o. 152, which was referred to Brothers James Harper, jun^r. Elhanan W. Keyser and Robert Toland, to enquire and make report.

A Petition was received and read from Bro. Daniel Le Fevre, making complaint against Lodge N^o. 104, and also against Bro. Joseph Le Fevre, a Member of said Lodge, which was referred to Brothers George B. Porter, John Reynolds and Samuel Humes, to enquire and make report. Bro. Reynolds having declined serving on the Committee, the G. Master on the 20 April, 1820, appointed Brother George H. Whitacre in his place.

The Committee to whom was referred the Complaint of Bro. Lambert Keatting against Brother Johnson and others, made report which was read and is as follows, to wit :

“The Committee to whom was referred the Complaint of
“W. P. M. Brother Lambert Keatting against Brother Jonathan Johnson, Andrew Hooton and Samuel Webb, Trustees
“of Lodge N^o. 67, and also against Brother Samuel Webb,
“Junior Warden of the same Lodge, beg leave to Report,

“That they proceeded to examine into the complaint and
“were satisfied that it originated in an entire misunderstanding on the part of Bro. Keatting, and that no censure can
“attach to the parties complained of.

“The Committee have the pleasure to add that Bro. Keatting, with a candour highly honourable, being satisfied that
“he had from zeal to a friend and Brother been led into the
“Error, at once desired that no further proceedings should be
“had in the business.

“Novem^r. 25, 1819. (Sign'd)

“SAM^L. F. BRADFORD.

“JOSEPH S. LEWIS.”

Which report was adopted.

A Petition was receiv'd and read from Thomas P. McMahon and others, making Complaint against Lodge N^o 59, which was referred to Brothers Wetherill, Darragh, Potts, H. Y. Carter and H. G. Freeman, to enquire and make report.

The Committee to whom was referred the Complaint of Bro. Ezekiel Butler against Lodge N^o 3, made report, which was read and ordered to be laid on the Table.

A Commission duly executed was received and read from Lodge N^o 167, held at Havanna, appointing Brother Joseph S. Lewis, Proxy, to represent said Lodge in the Grand Lodge.

Whereupon, on Motion, Brother Lewis was recognized as proxy of said Lodge.

A Letter dated Havanna, 3 July, 5819, was received and read from Lodge, N^o 103, Stating that the report of the misfortune lately suffered by the Grand Lodge in the destruction of their Hall, had produced sensation of the most sincere sorrow in the Lodge, that the Lodge had resolved to contribute One Hundred Dollars towards the reparation of that misfortune, which donation tho' small was made from their hearts, and they begged the Grand Lodge to accept the same as a token of their affection.

On Motion the Grand Secretary was directed to acknowledge the receipt of the said Letter and to present the thanks of this Grand Lodge to Lodge N^o 103, for their kind donation.

A Letter dated Philadelphia, August 9, 1819, was received and read from Raphael de Cordova, stating that he had received directions from M^r. Abraham C. Peixotto, of Kingston, Jamaica, to subscribe and pay for him Fifty Dollars towards rebuilding the Masonic Hall. The Grand Secretary stated that the money had been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

On Motion, Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to write to Brother Peixotto, and in the Name of this Grand Lodge to thank him for his liberal donation.

A Letter dated New Orleans, November 9th, 1819, was received and read from Maunsel White, W. Master of Lodge N^o 122, held at New Orleans, stating that the situation in which they were left as a Masonic Body at the close of the War

baffled every effort to reinstate the Lodge on that footing which it had previously held, it was therefore resolved to close the Lodge for a short time until they could get strength enough to go on as usual; that they heard the fate of our Masonic Temple with heartfelt regret, and were then determined to raise the Lodge and contribute their mite; that they have resumed their labors under, he thinks, the most happy auspices; that the Grand Lodge will soon hear from them with their dues and a donation to contribute their mite to the erection of the New Temple.

The following Returns, &c., of Lodges were presented and read, to wit:

Lodge N^o 3, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 46, held at Ephrata, Lancaster County. Election Return. Account of Grand Lodge dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of J—— B—— and S—— H——, also the rejection of J—— O—— and J—— G——.

Lodge N^o 60, held at Brownsville, Fayette Co. Election Returns from June, 1810, to Dec^r. 1818. Account of Dues from June, 1814, to June, 1819, containing the expulsion of J—— S——, Intemperance and non-payment of dues; W—— W——, non-payment of dues; W—— M^cM——, non-payment of dues and intemperance; P—— D——, non-payment of dues; C—— C——, unmasonic Conduct.

Lodge N^o 64, held at Greensburgh. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing rejections of P—— N——, J—— P—— and S—— M——.

Lodge N^o 81, held at Germantown. Communication of the reinstatement of Philo Thompson, who was suspended by said Lodge on the 26 April, 1817, for non-payment of dues.

Lodge N^o 113, held at Pittsburg. Election Returns for 1816, 1817 and 1818. Account of Grand Lodge dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of J—— H——.

Lodge N^o 125, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the suspension of J—— G—— and S—— S—— for non-payment of dues on the 25 June, 1819.

Lodge N^o 126, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the

Expulsion of W—— H——, late Treasurer, for withholding the funds of the Lodge.

Lodge N^o. 127, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the rejection in said Lodge of J—— S—— and L—— M——.

Lodge N^o. 143, held at Chambersburgh. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge were also presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and report thereon.

Lodge N^o. 145, held at Wilkinsburg. Election Returns of 1817 and 1818. Return of Members, containing the rejection of E—— B——.

Lodge N^o. 149, held at Montrose. Account of Dues. Return of Members. A Petition was also receiv'd and read from said Lodge, praying for an exoneration from the payment of the Grand Lodge dues and initiation fees for the year ending December, 1818, when On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petition, but that Lodge N^o. 149 be allowed one year from this time to pay their dues.

Lodge N^o. 163, held at Towanda. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, held in the City of Washington, containing an account of their proceedings commencing on the thirteenth day of July, 1813, and ending on the twenty first day of April, 1818, was received and read. A Communication addressed to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania being contained on the 47, 48 and 49 pages of said Communication, the same was on Motion referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, containing an account of their proceedings for the year 1818, was received and read, and ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, containing an Account of their pro-

ceedings in June, 1819, which was ordered to be deposited in the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, containing an Account of their proceedings on the 24 June, 1819, which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of New York, containing an account of their proceedings between the 24th of June, 1818, and the 24 June, 1819, which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

Communications were receiv'd and read from the Grand Lodge of Indiana, containing an account of their proceedings in the years 1818 and 1819, which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

A Masonic Eulogium on the Character and Services of the late Thomas Smith Webb, Esquire, delivered before the Lexington Royal Arch Chapter and the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, September 1, 1819, was received and ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

A Communication in the French Language was received from a Lodge at Paris, and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and report thereon.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that he did on Saturday, the 13th day of November last, agreeably to ancient form and usage, constitute and establish a New Lodge to be held at Doylestown, in the County of Bucks, under the Name of "Doylestown Benevolent Lodge, N^o 168," and Installed the Worshipful Master and other officers thereof.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary furnish to this Grand Lodge at their next meeting a List of such Members of the Committee appointed to procure subscriptions towards rebuilding the Hall, who shall not have delivered to him their subscription papers, nor paid over the Monies collected by them.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary furnish each Member of the Committee with a Copy of the above Resolution.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday the 7th of February next, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S DAY, Philadelphia, Monday, December 27th, A. D. 1819, A. L. 5819.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Thomas Elliott, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ William McCorkle, R. W. Junior Grand Warden,
P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ William Milnor, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Henry Benner, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

Rev^d Bro. William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Robert R. Bell, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ James Harper, jun^r, Grand Marshal.

“ Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 43, 45, 46, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 75, 100, 103, 114, 115,
126, 127, 130, 131, 139, 141, 155, 157, 158, 160, 161, 165, 166,
167, 169 and 152 represented.

Thirty-Four Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

So much of the Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication as relates to the election of Grand Officers was read, and thereupon the following Grand Officers elect were severally installed into their respective offices in ancient and solemn form, to wit :

Bro. Bayse Newcomb, R. W. Grand Master.

" Thomas Elliott, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

" William M^cCorkle, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments, to wit :

Bro. Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

" Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

" Thomas Amies, }
" William Wray, } Grand Stewards.

Rev^d. Bro. William Rogers, }
" " George Potts, } Grand Chaplains.

Bro. Isaac Levis, Grand Sword Bearer.

" Benjamin Say, Grand Marshal.

" Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.

" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Committees, Viz :

Bro. Joseph Barnes, }
" Nathan R. Potts, } Committee of Correspondence.
" Samuel Badger, }

" William Page, }
" Mark Richards, } Committee of Accounts.
" Elhanan W. Keyser, }

" George A. Baker, }
" Thomas S. Manning, } Committee to examine the
" Stephen W. Smith, } Bye Laws of the subordi-
" Thomas Kittera, } nate Lodges.
" Samuel Badger, }
" Robert De Silver, } Committee to examine the trans-
actions of the last year and select
for publication.

Bro. Grand Secretary stated that he had reappointed Bro. Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary for the ensuing year, and requested that the Grand Lodge would be pleased to sanction the appointment. Whereupon the same was unanimously approved.

A Petition was received and read from divers ancient York Master Masons praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in

Lawrenceville, Pitt Township, County of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, to be named "Hamilton Lodge," and that Brother Levi Barnum might be the first W. Master; Brother Richard C. Pomeroy, the first Senior Warden, and Brother Cyrus C. Abbott, the first Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, It was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered 173.

The following Returns, &c., of Lodges were presented and read, viz :

Lodge N^o 2, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of W—— S——, W—— C. P——, G—— U——, G—— B——, J—— M. M——, J—— F——. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 19, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 43, held at Lancaster. Election Return.

Lodge N^o 51, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N^o 59, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues and Return of Members, containing the rejection of G—— C—— and P—— P——.

Lodge N^o 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of S—— C—— for non-payment of dues.

Lodge N^o 81, held at Germantown. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o 100, held at Cattawissa. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o 104, held in Leacock Township, Lan. Co^t Election Return.

Lodge N^o 106, held at Williamsport, Lycoming Co^t Election Return.

Lodge N^o 115, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 116, held at Marietta, Lan. Co^t. Election Returns for Dec^r. 1817, 1818, 1819. Account of Dues for 1817, 1818 and 1819. Return of Members for 1817, 1818 and 1819, containing the expulsion of B—— L——, and the rejection of D—— T——.

Lodge N^o 139, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members and Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o 151, held at Allentown. Election Return.

Lodge N^o 152, held at Easton. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of P—— G——.

Lodge N^o 160, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N^o 162, held at New London Cross roads, Chester County. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge were presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and report thereon.

Lodge N^o 169, held at Columbia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues. Return to Dispensation to constitute said Lodge was received and read, whereby it appears that the said Lodge was duly constituted on the 30th day of October last.

A Petition was received and read from Brother Alexander Watts, protesting against the Election held by Lodge N^o 9 on the third instant, for Officers for the ensuing year, which was referred to Brothers William Milnor, jun^r, Samuel Webb, David Nathans, William Mandry and John Kenworthy, to enquire and make report.

Bro. George B. Porter offered the following preamble and resolutions which were read and laid on the table.

Whereas, it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the establishment of a General Grand Lodge to be composed of the Grand and Past Grand Officers of the different Grand Lodges

in the United States, would essentially promote the interests of Masonry and conduce to a uniformity in the mode of carrying on the labours of the Craft.

Therefore Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to open and carry on a correspondence with the different Grand Lodges in the United States, relative to the establishment of a General Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that the Right Worshipful Grand Master be and he is hereby authorized and required to appoint Lecture Masters, whose duty it shall be to Visit and lecture in the subordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction.

Resolved, that all questions, as well as the election of Officers of the Grand Lodge, be determined by a majority of Votes, each Lodge having one Vote.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the propositions just read be submitted to a Committee of Seven Members with instructions to investigate the subject, and make report to this Grand Lodge at the Grand Quarterly Communication to be held in September next, and that the discussion and consideration of the said report take place on the 28th December, 1820, and that each subordinate Lodge be furnished with a Copy of the said report.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following Brethren a Committee for the above purpose, viz: Josiah Randall, Samuel F. Bradford, Henry Baldwin, George B. Porter, Isaac Darlington, James Harper, jun^r. and Benjamin Say.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half past One o'clock,
P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 7, A. D. 1820, A. L. 5820.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

- " William McCorkle, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- " Robert Toland, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
- " Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.
- " Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " George Gloninger, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " Elhanan W. Keyser, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
- " Benjamin Say, Grand Marshal.
- " Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 84, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125,
126, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139, 103, 75, 161, 157, 166, 167, 141, 155, 158
and 160 represented.

Thirty Three Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at half past 6 o'clock in the Evening.

The Grand Secretary presented his Account with the Grand Lodge for the last year, Which was referred to the Committee of Accounts to examine and report thereon.

The Grand Secretary presented his Account for the payment of Interest on the Masonic Loans for last year, which was referred to the Committee of Accounts to examine and report thereon.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Accounts with the Grand Lodge for the last year, which were referred to the Committee of Accounts to examine and Report thereon.

A report and Account were received from the Trustees of the Masonic Loans and read, and ordered to be entered on the Minutes, and are as follows, Viz :

At a Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Loans, held at the House of Brother Newcomb, Grand Master, on Monday, the 3rd January, 1820, at 7 o'clock in the Evening,

A Certificate or return of an Election held this morning for electing from among the Stockholders Six Persons to serve in conjunction with the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master,

Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, for the time being as Trustees of the said Masonic Loans for one year from this day, and until a New Board shall be elected on the first Monday in January, 1821, was read, whereby it appears that Edward Burd, Thomas M^cEuen, Stephen Girard, Thomas F. Leaming, Thomas Hale and James M^cAlpin were duly elected.

The Board then proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, when

Edward Burd, Esquire, was elected President.

George A. Baker, Secretary, and

Thomas M^cEuen, Esquire, Treasurer.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that a Copy of the Account of the Board of Trustees, which was laid before the Stockholders this morning at their annual meeting, be transmitted to the Grand Lodge for their information.

Extract from the Minutes.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Secretary.

Dr.	The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in Account with the Trustees of the Masonic Loans.	Cr.
1819.		
Jan'y.	23. To Cash paid for 5 Shares of Masonic Loan at par \$500.	
	" To Cash paid for 2 Shares of Masonic Loan at par. 200.	
Feb'y.	2. To Cash paid for 13 Shares of Masonic Loan at par. 1300.	
	22. To Cash paid for 2 Shares of Masonic Loan at par. 200.	
April	23. To Cash paid for \$32.18 of U. S. 6 per Cent. Stock. 32.18	
		<u>\$2232.18</u>
July	27. To Cash paid for 4 Shares of Masonic Loan at par. \$400.	
Dec'r.	1. To Cash paid for 1 Share of Masonic Loan at par. 100.	
	15. To Cash paid for 22 Shares of Masonic Loan at par. 2200.	
	31. To Balance remaining in the hands of the Treasurer of the Board 8.37	
		<u>\$4940.55</u>
Jan'y.	1819. 2. By Cash receiv'd Six Months Interest on 81 Shares of Masonic Loan due 1 st instant. \$243.	
	20. By ditto receiv'd 6 Months dividend on 40 Shares of Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank Stock due 1 st instant. 100.	
	23. By ditto receiv'd 3 Months Interest on \$3930.54 of United States 6 per C. Stock due 1 st instant. 58.94	
Feb'y.	2. By ditto receiv'd on Sale of \$873.14 of U. S. Stock a 100 th 877.51	
	" By ditto receiv'd on Sale of 715.19 of U. S. Stock a 100 th 720.55	
	22. By ditto rec'd on Sale of 198.56 of U. S. Stock at 101 th 200.	
April	23. By ditto rec'd 3 Months In. on \$2145.65 of U. S. Stock. 82.18	
		<u>\$2232.18</u>
July	3. By ditto rec'd 6 Months Int. on 103 Shares of Masonic Loan due the 1 st instant. 800.	
	8. By ditto rec'd 3 Months Interest on \$2177.83 of U. S. 6 per Cent. Stock due 1 st instant. 32.66	
	20. By ditto rec'd 6 Months dividend on 40 Shares of Farmers and Mechanics Bank Stock due 1 st instant. 80.	
Oct.	9. By ditto rec'd 3 Months Interest on \$2177.83 of U. S. 6 per Cent. Stock due 1 st instant. 82.66	
Dec'r.	15. By ditto rec'd on Sale of \$2177.83 of U. S. S. a 108 th 2254.05	
		<u>\$4940.55</u>
	15. By the New Account for balance. 8.37	

The Sinking fund now consists of the following Stock, Viz :
130 Shares of Masonic Loan with Interest thereon from the
1st July, 1819.

40 Shares of Farmers and Mechanicks Bank Stock with
Interest thereon from the 1st July, 1819.

Philadelphia, 1st January, 1820.

Errors and Omissions Excepted,

George A. Baker,

Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

The above is submitted
for the information of
the Stockholders of
the Masonic Loans.

The following Returns, &c., of Lodges were presented and
read, &c.

Lodge N^o. 21, held at Harrisburg. Election Return.

Lodge N^o. 43, held at Lancaster. Return of Members. Ac-
count of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 67, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the
suspension of J—— H—— P——, A—— W—— and
R—— C—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N^o. 69, held at Chester. Election Return. Return of
Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 91, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Ac-
count of Dues.

Lodge N^o. 102, held at Frankford. Election Return. Ac-
count of Dues. Return of Members, containing the expul-
sion of J—— O——.

Lodge N^o. 125, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Ac-
count of Dues. Return of Members.

Lodge N^o. 126, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return
of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o. 127, held at Philadelphia. Account of Dues of
Dec^r. 1818. Return of Members of Dec^r. 1818, containing
the expulsion of I—— W——.

Lodge N^o. 128, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Ac-
count of Grand Lodge Dues. Return of Members, contain-

ing the expulsion of W—— T——, P—— A——, J——
E——, J—— H——, G—— T——, B—— M^cC——, M——
E——, J—— F——, H—— K——, J—— H—— and
J—— R——.

Lodge N^o. 130, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of J—— B—— and Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o. 131, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N^o. 135, held at Roxborough. Election Return. Return of Members, containing the suspension of J—— C——, W—— L——, S—— C——, J—— J——, J—— B——, J—— B——, H—— R——, E—— S——, M—— Q—— for non payment of Dues. Also, Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 136, held at Abington. Election Return. Return of Members, containing the suspension of J—— D——, C—— S——, S—— F—— and A—— H—— and H—— M^cD——; also, Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o. 142, held in Chester County. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o. 155, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o. 158, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o. 165, held at Pittsburgh. Election Return. Return of Members.

Lodge N^o. 168, held at Doylestown. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and report thereon.

Lodge N^o. 170, held at Williamsport, Washington Cot^y. Return to Dispensation to Constitute said Lodge was read, whereby it appeared that said Lodge was duly constituted on the 8th day of January last.

A Communication dated November, 1819, was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and ordered to be filed.

A Communication dated Baltimore, 13th January, 1820, was received and read from Lodge N^o. 56, stating that on the

6 January J—— S——, a Pianoforte Maker and now in Philadelphia, was expelled by said Lodge for non payment of dues.

A Copy of a Resolution passed by Lodge N^o 9, and held in the City of Philadelphia, was received and read and is as follows, to wit :

“ Philadelphia, April 2nd. 1819.

“ Moved and carried that two hundred dollars be given to
“ the Grand Lodge out of the loan of Five Hundred Dollars
“ lent to the Grand Lodge at 6 per Cent. per annum, for the
“ purpose to aid in rebuilding the Masonic Hall in Chestnut
“ Street.

“ Extract from the Minutes.

(Sign'd)

“ JOHN H. LEMMON, Sec^y.”

On Motion, Resolved, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to Lodge N^o 9 for their handsome donation.

A Copy of a Resolution passed by Easton Lodge, N^o 152, on the 6 January, 1820, was received and read and is as follows, to wit :

“ Resolved, that the Bye Laws of this Lodge be amended
“ by adding to the fourth article the following, to wit :

“ That henceforth the Secretary for the time being shall be
“ exempt from the payment of Lodge dues, and that his Grand
“ Lodge dues be paid out of the Lodge funds.” When

On Motion the said amendment was approved of.

A Communication dated Harrisburg, 27 January, 1820, was received and read from Brother James Hays and Isaac McCord, stating that they had been appointed by Brothers Jarrett and Gwinner to settle a dispute which was between them. And after hearing what they had to say on the subject finally settled all matters of variance which existed between them.

A Communication was also received and read from Brother Jarrett, stating that he was satisfied with the decision of Bro^{rs} Hays and McCord, and wished Gwinner to be restored to his former Masonic standing.

A Copy of the proceedings of Lodge N^o 152, relative to the expulsion of P—— G—— was received and read.

On Motion the said Communications and proceedings were referred to the Committee appointed on the appeal of P—— G——.

The Committee appointed on the Protest of Alexander Watt against the election of Officers in Lodge N^o 9 made report which was read and is as follows, to wit :

“To Bayse Newcomb, Esquire, R. W. G. M., the Officers
“and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

“The undersigned, a Committee appointed to inquire into
“and report on the late election for Officers of Lodge N^o 9,

“Respectfully represent,

“That your Committee, after due notice to the officers elect
“of that Lodge, who were furnished with a Copy of the
“Charges and complaints exhibited to Grand Lodge, and
“notice to the Brother Protesting against the validity of their
“election, proceeded in the investigation of the subject com-
“mitted to them, and after a full examination of the Wit-
“nesses and documents adduced on the parts of the complain-
“ant and respondents, on mature deliberation, do report,

“That although the first complaint was admitted to be
“true, viz : ‘ *That the voters had not all paid up their dues,*’ and
“were consequently not *free Members*, according to the 5th
“section of the Book of Constitutions and the 6th section of
“the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 9, Yet your Committee are of
“opinion that the *objection comes too late*, and cannot *now*
“affect the validity of an Election, which appears to have
“been otherwise conducted with propriety and uncommon
“unanimity.

“And whilst they applaud the independent mind, tenaci-
“ously adhering to the good ‘*ancient land marks,*’ prompt to
“expose a dereliction from Masonic Order, and resolved on
“the maintenance of Masonic Laws ; yet they cannot forbear
“remarking, that it will ever comport more with the Laws of
“propriety and duty for any Member of a Lodge to make his
“objection, in the body of his Lodge *before*, rather than *after*,
“any violation of that Constitution and those Laws, it is his
“solemn duty to support.

“Your Committee avail themselves of this opportunity to

“notice and unreservedly condemn, the too prevailing neglect
“in the Lodges under your Jurisdiction to enforce, (*wherever*
“*there is ability in a brother to liquidate his dues*), the salutary
“provision in our Constitution and Laws, pre-requisite to the
“exercise of the privilege of suffrage.

“A requisition wisely intended by our Masonic ancestors to
“supply the fountain of Charity and effectually promote the
“noblest of the masonic family.

“On the investigation of the 2nd charge, viz :

“‘That the Election was improperly conducted by voting
“for more than one Candidate at a time, by means of which
“*fraud was practised* in the Election of Treasurer and Secre-
“tary, who were voted for together.’ It appeared to your
“Committee that the Treasurer and Secretary were ballotted
“for at one and the same time, at the request or suggestion
“of the W. Master presiding and with the consent of the
“Lodge. That the names were written on separate papers,
“and as usual folded and endorsed with the title of the office
“to be filled, and that in two or more instances, (in which
“*Charity*, the attribute of every true Mason, interposes her
“friendly voice, and charges to accident, what might be im-
“puted to fraud), double Votes were probably given but for
“*the same person* as Secretary, which were as discovered made
“known by the Tellers, (the complainant being one of them,
“and a Candidate for that office), the surplus Votes destroyed
“accordingly, and the result announced, Viz :

“That Br. Patrick McGuigan was unanimously re-elected
“Treasurer, and that Brother John Lemmon had 15 or 16
“Votes for Secretary and Br. Alexander Watt, 8 Votes, com-
“prising about the number of members then present, conse-
“quently the former having a plurality of Votes was declared
“duly elected.

“Your Committee are not aware of any legal prohibition to
“the mode of balloting for a Treasurer and Secretary as prac-
“tised on this occasion, and which custom and convenience
“has long sanctioned in our subordinate Lodges, where time
“presses and rebukes delay.

“They therefore respectfully submit the following resolu-
“tion for adoption :

"Resolved, That the officers of Lodge No. 9, elected at their stated Meeting previous to St. John's day last, are entitled to hold their respective offices for the period for which they were chosen.

"All which is respectfully submitted.

(Sign'd)

"WILLIAM MILNOR, junr."

"DAVID NATHANS,

"SAMUEL WEBB,

"WILLIAM MANDRY,

"JOHN KENWORTHY,

} Committee."

"Philad^a. Jan^y. 24,

"A. L. 5820."

Which Report and Resolution was adopted.

A Communication was received and read from Ohio Lodge, N^o. 113, held at Pittsburgh, relative to the establishment of a General Grand Lodge, the appointment of Lecture Masters, &c., Which was referred to the Committee appointed on St. John's Day, on the subject of the establishment of a General Grand Lodge, &c.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered and adopted, Viz :

Whereas, all Lodges are bound to observe the same usages and Customs, and every deviation from the established mode of working is highly improper, and cannot be justified or countenanced. In order therefore to preserve this uniformity and to cultivate a good understanding amongst free Masons,

"Resolved 1. That a Lodge shall be formed to be called 'The Lodge of Instruction.'

2. That the Members shall consist of the officers of the Grand Lodge for the time being, and of the Masters and Wardens of all the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.
3. That the officers of the Grand Lodge for the time being, shall be officers of the said Lodge.
4. That the objects of the said Lodge shall be, to introduce and preserve uniformity in the mode of working, and to improve in the knowledge and practise of Free Masonry.

5. That the said Lodge shall have power to make its own Bye Laws subject to the approbation of the Grand Lodge.
6. That the Members of the said Lodge as such shall not be subject to the payment of any dues.
7. That the Grand Lodge shall provide the said Lodge with a room to hold their meetings in, with fire-wood, lighting, tiling and every other necessary, free of any expense to the Members of said Lodge.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that a Copy of the foregoing preamble and Resolutions be forwarded to the different Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be desired to appoint a Committee consisting of five Members for the purpose of considering the expediency of lighting the New Hall with Gas lights and to report to Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in March, with estimates of the expense attending its introduction, together with estimates of the annual expense of Candles, Oil and Gas.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers James McAlpin, Armon Davis, Robert Toland, Peter Benner and Benjamin Say a Committee for the purposes contained in the foregoing resolution.

The Committee to whom was referred the Complaint of Bro. Thomas P. McMahon and others against Lodge N^o 59, made report which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and
"Masonic Jurisdiction thereto belonging:

"The Committee appointed on the 20th day of December
"last past on the Petition of Thomas P. McMahon and others
"complaining against Lodge N^o 59,

"Beg leave to Report,

"That in pursuance of said Appointment your Committee
"have examined into the charges preferred and heard all the

“W. Master and the S. W. pro tempore of Lodge N^o 59 had
“to advance in defence, and are of opinion that all the
“material facts stated in the memorial have been proved and
“generally admitted by the representatives of the said Lodge
“N^o 59, to wit:

“That at the stated meeting of that Lodge in December
“last Brother McMahon and the Brethren mentioned in the
“Memorial, had been admitted into the Lodge as Visitors;
“That after the Election had taken place for the officers of
“the Lodge for the ensuing year, The Lodge was preparing
“to instal the W. Master Elect, and preparatory to opening a
“Master Masons Lodge for that purpose Brother Forsyth had
“taken the S. Warden’s Chair; That at this time the S.
“Warden, Brother Forsyth, did object to the memorialists
“remaining at the Ceremony of installation, as Past Masters,
“although they had been and were then to his knowledge
“recognized by the Master and Brothers Ireland, Schott and
“Snyder to be Past Masters by Dispensation, unless they
“would severally swear that they were so by ‘Election and
“Servitude,’ he well knowing that such a Condition would
“exclude them from participating in the benefits arising
“therefrom.

“Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the Senior
“Warden acted very unmasonic in persisting in his opposition
“to the Brethren under such Circumstances, and that such
“conduct was extremely reprehensible. Though your Com-
“mittee believe it proceeded rather from an excess of zeal than
“any wilfull desire to infringe any Masonic rights.

“In regard to the conduct of the W. Master, Your Com-
“mittee are sorry to say they have much reason to consider as
“very erroneous, in as much as he did not attempt to over-
“rule the objections of the Senior Warden, although he had
“by vouching for two of the Brethren and knowing the others
“vouched for, and after having heard the Remonstrance on
“their part, tacitly submitted to the dictation of the S. W. and
“permitted them to depart from the Lodge under the impres-
“sion that they were rightfully excluded. Such conduct in
“the Master of a Lodge, your Committee consider as a resigna-

"tion of his authority and a dangerous precedent for which his conduct is highly reprehensible.

"Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the conduct of the W. Master and S. Warden of Lodge N^o 59 is censurable.

"Your Committee offer the following Resolution :

"Resolved, that all Past Masters whether by Election and Servitude or by Dispensation, are, in virtue of such degree having been conferred in a legal manner, and when recognized as such, by legal Vouching or examination entitled to be present at all the Ceremonies into which they as P. M's have been initiated.

(Sign'd)	"SAM ^L . P. WETHERILL,	} Committee."
	"NAT ^M . R. POTTS,	
	"HENRY G. FREEMAN,	
	"HENRY Y. CARTER,	
	"JOHN DARRAGH,	

"Phil^a. Feb. 7, 1820."

Which report and resolution was adopted.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Petition for Charity of Ezekiel Butler stopped by Lodge N^o 3, filed with the Report of the Committee on the Complaint of E. Butler, against Lodge N^o 3, be returned to him by the Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 6, A. D. 1820, A. L. 5820.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

" William M^cCorkle, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

Bro. Henry Y. Carter, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Robert Toland, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ David Nathans, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

“ Benjamin Say, Grand Marshal.

“ Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 81, 84, 91, 114, 115, 121,
125, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139, 141, 152, 154, 155,
158, 160 and 165 represented.

Thirty One Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication and of the meetings held since were read and approved.

The following Returns, &c., of Lodges were presented and read, viz :

Lodge No. 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of R—— S——, N —— S——, for non payment of dues, and W—— H—— for non payment of dues and unmasonic conduct.

Lodge No. 61, held at Wilkesbarre. Election Return.

Lodge No. 64, held at Greensburg. Election Return.

Lodge No. 73, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge No. 104, held in Leacock Township, Lan. Co. Return of Members.

Lodge No. 114, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge No. 121, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge No. 132, held in Chester County. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge No. 134, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o. 156, held at Chestnut Level, Lancaster County.
Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand
Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o. 162, held at New London Cross roads, Chester
County. Election Return. Return of Members. Account
of Dues.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency
of lighting the New Hall with Gas made report which was
read and is as follows, to wit:

“To the R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Penn-
sylvania:

“The Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency
“of lighting the New Hall with Gas,

“Report,

“That the importance of the subject has induced them to
“investigate it with care and attention and the result is a
“perfect conviction in the minds of your Committee that Gas
“is decidedly preferable to any other mode of lighting the
“building.

“The accompanying estimates and calculations are founded
“upon facts derived from experiments personally made by
“your Committee and from official sources, and aware that
“they generally fall far short of the absolute cost of Improve-
“ments, we have endeavoured to avoid misleading the Grand
“Lodge by extravagant calculation and believe the estimate
“for the Gas apparatus will be found more than sufficient for
“its erection.

“Some objection may exist to the Gas on Account of the
“smell which is said to be produced in its making. This is
“true in regard to Gas produced from Coal, but gas produced
“from Tar, altho’ the oil has a peculiar smell, is not very un-
“pleasant, and if the apparatus is placed in the yard no per-
“son will be incommoded by it, nor can it be noticed inside
“of the Hall.

“The Gas produces a much more pleasant light to the
“Eye, than the light from Oil or Candles, it possesses a great
“advantage in point of cleanliness, is much more safe, it pro-
“duces no smoke, and there is no waste.

"The Cost of Gas is not considerable after the apparatus is erected, and it is probable it can be disposed of to different establishments on moderate terms and with great advantage to the Grand Lodge.

"The saving to be made by the use of Gas it will be perceived by the annexed calculation is \$826.62 Annually; there are also several small incidental expenses accompanying the use of Oil and Candles which have not been noticed; the most important are, the repairs of lamps, the unavoidable breakage of Lamp Glasses, and the expense of Lamp Wicks. All which it is presumed would be little less than \$100 per Annum.

"We have no hesitation in strongly recommending the introduction of Gas into the New Hall.

"Respectfully offering for your adoption the following resolution, we request our discharge.

"Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to erect an apparatus for supplying the New Hall with Carburetted Hydrogen Gas to be made from Tar.

"4 March, 1820."

(Sign'd)

" J. McALPIN,	} Committee."
" ARMON DAVIS,	
" PETER BENNER,	
" ROB. TOLAND,	
" BENJAMIN SAY,	

The Grand Lodge has paid annually for lighting the old Hall	\$605.
Mr. Guillou has paid for his portion	668.88
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	1268.88

The present building is more than $\frac{1}{2}$ larger and will certainly cost more than $\frac{1}{2}$ more to light it	422.96
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	1691.84

It is ascertained that the Cost of Chandeliers, Lamps, &c., for the use of the whole building will be \$2,200.	
Int. per An.,	132.
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Making the annual expense of lighting the Hall with Oil and Candles,	\$1823.84
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For the Gas Establishment.

Building for the Apparatus, including furnaces,	\$1000.
Gasometers with Hanging, Ropes weights, &c.,	1800.
Receivers for Gas Holders,	1000.
8 Iron Retorts at \$12,	96.
1550 ft Pipe a 12 cts. per foot,	186.
Fixing up the Pipe,	50.
150 Brass Cocks a 60 cts.,	90.
80 Chandeliers,	800.
Incidental expenses,	250.
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	\$5212
Interest of \$5212 per Annum is,	\$312.72
Six Iron Retorts per Annum is,	72.
A Person to attend the Manufacture,	365.
850 Bush. of Charcoal a 15 cts. per Bush.,	127.50
40 Bbbs. Tar a \$3 per Bbbs.,	120.
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Making the annual expense of lighting the Hall with Gas,	<hr/> \$997.22
Annual saving in favour of Gas lights amounts to, . . .	<hr/> \$826.62

On Motion the said report was adopted.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the building Committee with the addition of Bro. Say be a Committee to carry the Resolution relative to the lighting of the New Hall with Gas into effect.

The Committee appointed on the complaint of Bro. John Pearce against Brother Charles Starkey, made report which was read and is as follows, Viz :

To the R. W. G. Master, P. G. Masters, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Penn^a and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging :

The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, on the first day of November last, to whom was referred the Petition of Brother John Pearce, Member of Concordia Lodge, N^o 67, complaining of the unmasonic conduct of Bro. Charles Starkey, not a Member of any Lodge under the Jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge,

Beg leave to report,

That they have attended to the duty assigned them and after an impartial hearing of the Parties and the allegation

which was the foundation of the charge brought by Bro. J. Pearce against Bro. C. Starkey are of opinion that they have not been clearly substantiated to the satisfaction of your Committee on which they can recommend to this R. W. Grand Lodge to adopt measures which can interfere with the rights and privileges of Bro. Charles Starkey.

They respectfully beg leave to offer the following Resolution :

Resolved, that the Committee in the above case be discharged from the further consideration of the subject matter.

They also respectfully beg leave to attach to their report a Letter addressed to them from Bro. Charles Starkey, explanatory of his conduct relative to the charge brought against him by Brother John Pearce.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Sign'd)

"JOSEPH WORRELL,

"T. B. FREEMAN,

"ISAAC MYER,

} Committee."

"Phila^a, 12 March, 1820."

The Letter accompanying the above report was also read. When on Motion the said report was adopted.

A Communication dated Quebec, 28th December, 1819, was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Lower Canada and ordered to be filed.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, containing an account of their proceedings in November, 1819, and ordered to be filed.

The report of the Committee appointed on the Complaint of Bro. Ezekiel Butler against Lodge N^o. 3 was called up for consideration, read, amended, adopted as amended and is as follows, to wit :

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Pennsylvania :

We, the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge to enquire into the charge preferred against Lodge N^o. 3 by Bro. Ezekiel Butler,

Beg leave to Report,

That your Committee attended to that duty and gave it

that consideration the nature of the case required. That after hearing all the Witnesses on the part of N^o. 3, it appears that Br. Ezekiel Butler was in the habit of gambling, that he was indicted for that offense and fined in One Hundred Dollars, which fine stands on record in this City. To the most of these charges he acknowledged, but stated that he had not gambled any within these seven years, that he had been a zealous supporter of the Craft for many years, and of that Lodge in particular which he formerly was a Member. However the Committee are of opinion that in detaining of his Petition, N^o. 3 acted from the purest motives, but the Committee are also of opinion that inasmuch as Br. Ezekiel Butler is a regular Mason and standing every way fair on the Books, he should not have been deprived by the detaining of his petition from receiving such relief as the different Lodges knowing his merits and demerits might think proper to administer.

Your Committee would beg leave to offer the following Resolution :

Resolved, that the Petition of Br. Ezekiel Butler, having been returned by a Resolution of this Grand Lodge, the Committee be discharged from any further consideration of the subject.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Sign'd)

JOHN DARRAGH,
GEORGE W. JONES.

Sundry resolutions relative to the Lodge of Instruction were presented and read and ordered to be laid on the Table.

Sundry resolutions relative to the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, &c., were read and ordered to be laid on the Table.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday, the Twentieth instant, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 20th, A. D. 1820, A. L. 5820.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. Thomas Elliott, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, in the Chair.

" William M^cCorkle, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

" Anthony Fannen, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Robert Toland, Deputy Grand Secretary.

" Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

" Tristram B. Freeman, Junior Grand Deacon.

" James Dixey, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

" Benjamin Say, Grand Marshal.

" Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant.

" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 84, 91, 114, 121, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139, 141, 154, 155, 158 and 160 represented.

Twenty Two Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in due Form, (the R. W. Deputy Grand Master being in the Chair,) at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The following returns, &c., of Lodges were presented and read, Viz :

Lodge N^o 2, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the expulsion for non payment of dues of E—— B——, L—— B——, E—— C——, E—— C——, J—— D——, F—— D——, T—— D——, T—— L——, J—— M^cK——, D—— N——, M—— O——, J—— R——, W—— S——, E—— W——.

Lodge N^o 50, held at West Chester. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o 67, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the reinstatement of Elijah Gilmore and Expulsion of E—— I—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N^o 103, held at the Havana. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the rejec-

tion of A—— M——, A—— D——, M—— M——, S. P——.

Lodge N^o 138, held at Orwigsburgh. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and report thereon.

Lodge N^o 157, held at the Havana. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues. Also, Communication of the reinstatement of Carlos Baesa and Rafael Lorente who had been expelled for holding communication with the Lodges established by the Consistory.

Lodge N^o 163, held at Towanda, Bradford Cot^y. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of G. L. dues.

Lodge N^o 166, held at Havana. Election Return. Account of G. L. dues. Return of Members, containing the rejection of A—— V—— P—— and F—— G——.

Lodge N^o 167, held at the Havana. Return to Dispensation to constitute said Lodge was received and read, whereby it appeared that the said Lodge was duly Constituted on the 5th day of December, 1819.

A Return was received and read from Brother Joseph Maria Canalejo, of Dispensations granted by him to Lodges held at the Havana.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Vermont, containing an account of its proceedings in the years 1818 and 1819, which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

A communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, containing an account of its proceedings for the year 1819, which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 143, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

“To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

“The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for examination the Bye Laws of George Washington Lodge, N^o 143, held at Chambersburgh.

Respectfully Report.

“That they have carefully examined the same and recom-

"mend that the 8th section of the 3rd Article be stricken out,
"and that they be adopted.

"Respectfully submitted,

(Sign'd)

"GEORGE A. BAKER, } Committee."
"T. S. MANNING, }

"Philadelphia, March 15, 1820."

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 162, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for
"examination the Bye Laws of Fidelity Lodge, N^o. 162, held
"at New London Cross Roads, Chester County,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have carefully examined the same and recom-
"mend that they be adopted with the following alteration,
"viz :

"In article 11th strike out as follows, 'If one of the balls
"only should be black, the person voting it shall declare his
"reason to the Lodge for so doing, which if considered satis-
"factory shall reject the candidate. The sense of the Lodge
"shall in this case be taken by a new balloting, when if a
"black ball shall still be found, the candidate shall be in-
"definitely rejected.'

"Respectfully submitted,

(Sign'd)

"GEORGE A. BAKER, } Committee."
"T. S. MANNING, }

"Philadelphia, March 15, 1820."

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 163, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for
"examination the Bye Laws of Evergreen Lodge, N^o. 163,
"held at Towanda, Bradford County,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have carefully examined the same and recom-
"mend their adoption with the following alteration, Viz :

"Article 18th. Strike out all that follows after the word
" '*unanimous* ' in the third line of this article.

"Respectfully submitted,

(Sign'd)

"GEORGE A. BAKER,

"T. S. MANNING,

} Committee."

"Philadelphia, March 15, 1820."

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 168, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for
"examination the Bye Laws of Benevolent Lodge, N^o. 168,
"held at Doylestown, Bucks County, Respectfully Report,

"That they have carefully examined the same and recom-
"mend that they be adopted with the following alteration, viz :

"In Article 3rd. Strike out, 'but if there shall appear two
"ballots against him he shall be rejected.'

"Respectfully submitted,

(Sign'd)

"GEORGE A. BAKER,

"T. S. MANNING,

} Committee."

"Philadelphia, March 15, 1820."

Which report was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition from Bro. Webb and others made report, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Past Masters,
"Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn-
"sylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging :

"The Committee to whom the Petition of Brothers Webb,
"Pearce, Butterworth and Weaver, Members of Concordia
"Lodge, N^o. 67, was referred, Respectfully Report,

"That they have attentively considered the subject referred
"to them, and after hearing the Petitioners and affording the
"other Members an opportunity of being heard, (by giving
"notice to the Lodge,) which was not embraced, are of opinion

"that the Ballot taken on the Petition of the applicants
"should be set aside.

"And therefore submit the following resolution :

"Resolved, that the Ballot be set aside and your Committee
"be discharged from all further consideration of the subject.

"THO ^a ELLIOTT,	} Committee."
"W ^m DELANY,	
"JAMES HARPER, jun ^r ,"	
"S. BADGER,	

"March 20, 1820."

Which report was adopted.

On Motion, Resolved, that the Committee appointed to erect an apparatus for supplying the Hall with Gas, be authorized to contract with the Tenants who occupy the Hall for the use of the Gas.

Resolved, that there be a Grand Masonic Procession and Banquet on the dedication of the Masonic Hall.

Resolved, that the Grand Officers be a Committee to devise regulations for carrying the foregoing into effect.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half past 9 o'clock, P. M. to meet again on Monday, the 1st day of May next at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 1st, A. D. 1820, A. L. 5820.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

BRO. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

" Thomas Elliott, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

" Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" William McCorkle, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Candy Raguet, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

Bro. Elhanan W. Keyser, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.

“ T. B. Freeman, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Benjamin Mollineaux, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Lambert Keatting, Grand Marshal, P. T.

“ James Forsyth, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

“ Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.

“ Joseph Burden, Past Senior Grand Warden.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 62, 72, 91, 114, 115, 125, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139, 141, 147, 152, 154, 155 and 158 represented.

Twenty Nine Lodges being represented Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at half past 7 o'clock, P. M.

A Petition was received and read from divers ancient York Master Masons praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the Village of Downingtown, in the County of Chester, in the State of Pennsylvania, to be called “Dowington Lodge,” and that Brother George A. Fairlamb might be named Worshipful Master; Brother William H. Brown, Senior Warden, and Brother Charles Mowry, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due Form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, It was,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petition be granted, that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be numbered 174.

A Petition was received and read from Brother W—— L——, appealing from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Roxborough Lodge, No. 135, which was referred to Brothers Erringer, McAlpin and Burden to enquire and make report.

A Petition dated 28th February, 1820, was received and read from Lodge No. 46, held at Ephrata, Lancaster County, stating that at their stated meeting in December last, an election was held for officers of the Lodge when the Brethren therein named were duly elected, but had not been installed; that it was afterwards discovered that the Brother elected to the Office of Worshipful Master had never been installed

Warden in any Lodge and it was presumed he could not be installed Master, and praying for advice from the Grand Lodge how to act in the Premises. When

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that Lodge N^o 46, be authorized to hold an election for W. Master to serve until the 27th December next, and proceed to the installation of the W. Master to be elected and of the other officers heretofore elected.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 138, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for examination the Bye Laws of 'Schuylkill Lodge, N^o 138,' held at Orwigsburgh, Schuylkill County,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have carefully examined the same and recommend that they be adopted with the following alterations, Viz:

"Article 3rd in the 12th and 13th lines of this Article, strike out, '*there shall not appear more than one ballot against him,*' and insert '*unanimously approved of.*' And in the 16th line of the same article strike out the words '*more than.*'

"In the 7th rule of order, strike out '*each Member having the right of an appeal to the Lodge in his extenuation or justification and in case of such an appeal the Lodge shall decide.*'

"All which is respectfully submitted.

(Sign'd)

"GEORGE A. BAKER,

"THOMAS S. MANNING,

"STEPHEN W. SMITH.

"Philadelphia, April 28, 1820."

Which report was adopted.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, containing the Names of Grand Officers, &c., for the present year, which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, containing the names of their Grand Officers,

&c., for the present year, which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

The following returns, &c., were presented and read, viz :

Lodge N^o 2, held at Philadelphia. Communication of reinstatement of James McKeage and William Warner who were expelled for non payment of dues.

Lodge N^o 3, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o 21, held at Harrisburg. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o 45, held at Pittsburg. Election Return.

Lodge N^o 59, held at Philadelphia. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and report thereon.

Lodge N^o 75, held in Charlestown Township, Chester Coty. Election Return. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of J—— C——.

Lodge N^o 91, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of R—— L——, J—— S—— and J—— S——.

Lodge N^o 104, held in Leacock Township, Lanc. Co. Account of dues.

Lodge N^o 125, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the suspension of A. K——, J—— S—— and F—— H—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N^o 127, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 121, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o 139, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the suspension of R—— W—— and S—— B—— by said Lodge for non payment of dues.

Lodge N^o 143, held at Chambersburg. Election Return. A Letter from Bro. Geo. K. Harper, Secretary of said Lodge, was read, containing the names of those initiated since last return and account of dues.

Lodge N^o 154, held at West Schuylkill. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of R—— D——.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Building Committee be requested to lay before the Grand Lodge at its next meeting a statement containing the amount actually expended by them and the probable sums yet to be expended respectively in the rebuilding the Hall, the erection of the rear buildings and the gas light apparatus, the funds belonging to the sinking fund that have been appropriated to any of these objects, the probable amount required to be borrowed on Loan, the amount collected by subscriptions and the amount yet due thereon, together with any other information necessary to a correct knowledge of the present state of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

On Motion, Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be authorized to place the surplus funds of the Grand Lodge at the disposal of the building Committee.

The following resolution was offered and laid on the Table :

Resolved, that the resolutions relative to the Masonic Procession and Banquet be reconsidered.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the procession shall be without expense to the Grand Lodge, that the expense shall be defrayed by a sum to be paid by each person walking in procession, and if any overplus shall remain that the same shall be placed in the funds of the Grand Lodge.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that each person walking in procession shall pay the sum of One Dollar and fifty Cents for the purpose aforesaid.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at Ten o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 5th, A. D. 1820, A. L. 5820.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ William McCorkle, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Anthony Fannen, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Joseph Johns, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

Rev^d. Bro. W^m. Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Benjamin Say, Grand Marshal.

“ Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 73, 84, 91, 104, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 139, 141, 152, 154, 155, 158 and 160 represented.

Thirty Two Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at half past 7 o'clock in the Evening.

Brother Josiah Randall was installed into the office of R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication and of the Meetings held since, were read and approved.

A Complaint against Lodge N^o. 9, from Brother Patrick McGuigan, was received and read and referred to Brothers John Darragh, Frederick Erringer and Andrew Hooton to enquire and make report.

The following Communications and returns from Lodges were received and read, viz :

Lodge N^o. 67, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the rejection of C—— P—— by said Lodge on the 14th April last.

Lodge N^o. 71, held at Philadelphia. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and report thereon.

Lodge N^o. 123, held in the Borough of York, Penn^a. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred

to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and report thereon.

Lodge N^o 127, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the rejection by said Lodge of T—— and J—— H——, also of the suspension of J—— A——, B—— S—— A——, N—— D——, T—— N——, D—— E. S——, W—— H——, W—— B. L—— and C—— P—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N^o 144, held at Milton, Northumberland Co. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the rejection of G—— L. W——. A Letter from J. D. Biles, Master of said Lodge, was read, stating that the funds of the Lodge consisted of Milton and Centre bills, that the Lodge was unwilling to allow the discount demanded in Philadelphia, that if the G. Lodge would receive it at par they would send it on, if otherwise, they must endeavour to collect other. When on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Grand Secretary write to Lodge N^o 144 and request that they forward Philadelphia paper or such other paper as will produce the amount of their dues in Philadelphia paper.

Lodge N^o 160, held at Philadelphia. Account of dues. Return of Members, containing the rejection of A—— E——.

Lodge N^o 171, held at Pottstown. Return to Dispensation to Constitute said Lodge was received and read, whereby it appeared that the said Lodge was duly constituted on the 1st day of May, 1820.

Lodge N^o 172, held at Lebanon. Return of Members, containing the rejection of M—— B—— and J—— H——. Also, a Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and report thereon.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina and is as follows, viz :

“Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina.

“Charleston, 31st March, 5820.

“Resolved, that Henry Retter, having been guilty of a
“gross imposition upon the Committee of Charity of this

"Grand Lodge, and having been detected as a Notorious imposter and vagrant, (as appears from a Letter of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Georgia,) the corresponding Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge do communicate the same to the different Grand Lodges in the United States and Foreign Grand Lodges, and to the several Lodges under this Jurisdiction.

"Henry Retter is a German, of low stature, well formed, dark complexion, plausible manner and speaks deliberately the English language with the German accent. Has in his possession a Masonic Diploma from England, which he shows to all from whom he solicits aid. He also exhibits an European Passport.

"By order

(Sign'd)

"JOSEPH GALLUCHAT,

"Corresponding Grand Secretary."

"To the M. W.

"The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."

Which Communication was ordered to be filed.

A Letter was received and read from Union Lodge N^o. 2, held at Madison, Indiana, stating that B—— S——, a Master Mason, and late a Member of said Lodge, had acted very unmasonically towards a Member of said Lodge, Which Letter was ordered to be filed.

The Building Committee made report which was read and is as follows, to wit:

In obedience to a resolution of the Grand Lodge of the first May instant, the Building Committee report,

That the amount expended in the rebuilding the Hall and the erection of the rear Buildings to the 7th instant amounts to the sum of \$26,133.05

The estimate for the completion of the said Buildings as made by the Superintendent amounts to 19,200.

Making the whole cost \$45,333.05

That of this sum there has been received from the Insurance Company, including interest 20,433.85

The amount received from Benefits and Subscriptions, including two Bonds of the Grand Lodges N^o. 9 and 67 is 8,871.30

Carried forward \$29,304.15

The amount of subscriptions uncollected as far as the Committee can ascertain is about 8800 Doll ^r , many lists not having yet been returned, but of this sum, it is supposed, there will not be received more than	2000.
The sum received from the Funds of the Grand Lodge is	1000.
It is conceived that reliance may be placed on the same source for a further sum during the present year of	8000.
The Plasterer and some other Mechanics are willing to receive Certificates for their work as far as about	7000.
Which being added to the former sums make a total of	<u>42,805.15</u>
Which will leave a deficiency of,	<u>\$3,027.90</u>

The Grand Lodge on the 6 March last, enjoined on the Committee, in conjunction with Brother Benjamin Say, the Superintendency of the erection of a Building and apparatus for Gas, the expense of which was estimated at \$5,500, but in consequence of the accident of the falling in of the Privy, and the damage occasioned thereby, the expense will be increased to about \$6000.

If we deduct from this the sum already expended on this object of 600.

There remains to be provided,	\$5400.
To which may be added the cost of furnishing various rooms in the Hall,	4600.
And if to this be added the deficiency in the funds for finishing the Hall as before stated,	<u>3027.90</u>

There will be a total deficiency in the Funds which must be provided on Loan, the sum of 13,027.90

The Committee will soon have occasion for Money, and suggest to the Grand Lodge the propriety of appointing a Committee to devise means to obtain it.

The Committee under the general clause of the resolution of the Grand Lodge feel themselves at liberty to offer the following Resolution, viz :

(see below) May 31, 1820.

(Sign'd)

JOSEPH S. LEWIS,
JOSEPH BURDEN,
CORNELIUS STEVENSON,
JAMES HARPER, jun^r.

Which report was adopted.

The resolution attached to the report of the Committee was read, amended, adopted as amended and is as follows, viz :

Resolved, that the Building Committee be and they are hereby authorized to take measures for obtaining on Loans any sum not exceeding twenty thousand Dollars, and that the sum raised be paid over to the Committee appointed by resolution of the Grand Lodge on the 21st June last.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Master appoint a Committee of Five, who together with the Committee on Gas lights, shall be a Committee for the purpose of procuring appropriate furniture for the respective rooms of the New Hall.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following Brethren a Committee for the above purpose, viz : James McAlpin, Robert Toland, Anthony Fannen, Henry Y. Carter and Armon Davis.

On Motion, Resolved, that the Grand Secretary give special notice that at the next Adjourned meeting to be held on the First Monday in July, the resolution relative to the Masonic Procession and Banquet on the dedication of the Hall be reconsidered.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock P. M., to meet again on Monday, the 3rd July next at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S DAY, Philadelphia, Saturday, June 24th,
A. D. 1820, A. L. 5820.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present :

Brother JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, in
the Chair and presiding as G. Master.

“ William McCorkle, R. W. Senior Grand Warden,
P. T.

“ James Harper, jun^r, R. W. Junior Grand Warden,
P. T.

Brother George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Anthony Fannen, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ William Creth, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 127, 130, 131, 139, 141, 154, 155 and 160 represented.

Twenty Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Form, (the R. W. Senior Grand Warden being in the Chair,) at 11 o'clock in the Morning.

A Petition was received and read from sundry Brethren, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the Town of Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland County, When on Motion, the consideration thereof was postponed.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half past 11 o'clock, A. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 3^d, A. D. 1820, A. L. 5820.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Brother BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

“ William M^cCorkle, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ James Forsythe, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Frederick Erringer, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ Elhanan W. Keyser, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ Robert Wolford, Grand Marshal, P. T.

“ T. B. Freeman, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

“ Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 128, 130, 131, 139, 141, 154, 155, 158, 160 and 168 represented.

Twenty Six Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 8 o'clock in the Evening.

An extract from the Minutes of the Building Committee of the 28th June last was received and read and is as follows, to wit :

“On Motion, Resolved, that the Building Committee are of Opinion, that it is inexpedient for them to undertake to negociate a Loan to complete the Masonic Hall, and that the Grand Lodge be requested to appoint another Committee to perform that duty.” Whereupon,

On Motion, Resolved, that the Building Committee be excused from acting as a Committee to procure a Loan.

On Motion, Resolved, that the Grand Master be authorized to appoint a Committee of Five to negociate the Loan authorized by the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the 5th June last.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Joseph S. Lewis, George A. Baker, Andrew M. Prevost, James McAlpin and William Boyd a Committee for the above purpose.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge No. 72, informing of their having expelled J—— L——, P—— A. G—— and I—— H—— for non payment of dues.

A Petition was received and read from Brother George Gray, making a Complaint against Bro. George Howorth, which was referred to Brothers William McCorkle, Robert De Silver and James Maxwell to enquire and make report.

The Motion to reconsider the resolutions relative to the Masonic Procession and Banquet at the dedication of the Hall was taken up for consideration and decided in the affirmative.

The original resolutions being then under consideration the question on adoption was taken on them separately and decided in the affirmative.

So the resolutions as originally passed were adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Complaint of Brother Patrick McGuigan against Lodge No. 9, made report which was read and is as follows, to wit :

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

"We the Committee, appointed by the Grand Lodge to investigate the charge preferred against Lodge N^o 9, by Bro. Patrick McGuigan, Beg leave to report,

"That the Committee attended to that duty and after hearing all the Witnesses produced by the parties, It appears on the first charge preferred against the Committee of Accounts (to wit) that of examining the bills, passing them, drawing up the statement and striking the balance then in the hands of the Treasurer and afterwards on the question being put by Brother Wray if the bills should be destroyed and the answer given in the affirmative, Your Committee are fully of opinion that the Committee of Accounts ought not to have agreed to the destruction of the bills, if afterwards they intended objecting to any of the within items, or refuse to sign the settlement as it then stood. With regard to the second (to wit) that of representing that Bro. McGuigan defrauded the Lodge by overcharging for liquor while in the capacity of Steward, This also appears without sufficient proof to satisfy the Minds of the Committee that he did wrong the Lodge by the above stated overcharges. The Bills as above stated being destroyed, the Committee could only have such information as some of the Witnesses could recollect, either as to the quality of the liquor or the quantity furnished for 1819. The Worshipful Master who signed the Bills states on his deposition that the Bills he signed appeared to be correct to his knowledge, so that your Committee had not proof to induce them to believe that Bro. McGuigan did defraud the Lodge either directly or indirectly. It appears by the Book of Minutes that on the 8th of February the Committee of Accounts met a second time and drew up a report bringing the Treasurer in debt 15 dollars for overcharges for liquor, that on the 5th May the Lodge met on their stated night and a resolution was brought forward stating that the Treasurer had forfeited his right of office and immediately proceeded to the election of a Treasurer to fill his place. All which your Committee conceive without just cause and highly improper.

"Your Committee would beg leave to offer the following resolutions :

"First, Resolved, that the settlement of the Treasurer's Accounts stand as it was when the balance was struck on the first night when the Bills were destroyed.

"Second, That Brother M^cGuigan be reinstated in his proper standing as Treasurer of said Lodge.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sign'd)

"JOHN DARRAGH,
"FRED^x ERRINGER, } Committee."
"ANDREW HOOTON,

Which report and resolutions were adopted.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that Lodge N^o 9 be requested to furnish a Copy of their Bye Laws to the Committee on Bye Laws for examination.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 4th, A. D. 1820, A. L. 5820.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

BRO. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

" Thomas Elliott, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

" Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" Stephen P. Barbier, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

" T. B. Freeman, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

" Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

" Benjamin Say, Grand Marshal.

" Emmor T. Weaver, Grand Pursuivant.

" Charles Schneider, Grand Tyler, P. T.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 75, 81, 91, 103, 114, 121, 125, 128, 130, 131, 139, 141, 154, 155, 157, 158, 161, 165, 166 and 167 represented.

Twenty Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication and of the Meetings held since were read and approved.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that on Thursday the 17th August last, agreeably to Ancient Form and Usage, he constituted and established Downingtown Lodge, N^o. 174, and Installed the respective officers thereof into their several offices.

The Return to the Dispensation to Constitute "Lebanon Lodge, N^o. 172," was received and read, whereby it appeared that the said Lodge was duly Constituted on the 12th day of February last.

The Committee to whom were referred the resolutions presented by Bro. Porter on the 27th day of December last not being ready to report, it was on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the said Committee have time allowed until the first Monday in October next to make report.

The Committee appointed to procure on loan the sum of twenty thousand Dollars for the purpose of completing the Masonic Hall made report of the proposals offered by them which were read and are as follows, viz :

"The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania are willing to make a loan of twenty thousand Dollars for the purpose of finishing the New Hall in Chestnut Street.

"They propose as Security :

"First. A Mortgage to the Trustees of the Masonic Loans of the whole of the Property on Chestnut Street, extending to Lodge Alley, in trust for the Subscribers to the loan, subject to the Mortgages given to the said Trustees for the prior Loans, amounting to 65,000 Dollars, towards the payment of which the sinking fund already amounts to nearly 17,000 dollars; the income of the Grand Lodge will, it is believed, enable them to make an addition thereto of 5000 dollars per Annum.

"Second. A permanent insurance on the whole of the property to the Amount of 30,000 Dollars.

"Third. The faith of the Grand Lodge for the faithful payment of the principal and interest half yearly, and the appropriation of the whole of its income, (after payment of the interest of the loans, taxes, and other incidental expenses,) to the sinking fund until the total extinction of its debts.

"Fourth. The loan not to be redeemed without the consent of the holder, before the year 1840.

"Fifth. One half the Amount subscribed, to be paid at the time of the Subscription, (or the whole at the option of the subscribers,) and the remainder within two Months, on failure of which, the first payment to be forfeited.

"Sixth. Certificates transferable, to be issued in sums of One hundred Dollars each, payable with interest half yearly, at the rate of six per Cent per Annum.

"By authority of the Grand Lodge.

"JOSEPH S. LEWIS,	} Committee."
"GEORGE A. BAKER,	
"ANDREW M. PREVOST,	
"JAMES McALPIN,	
"WILLIAM BOYD,	

"August 14, 1820."

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge approve of the Proposals of the Committee appointed to negotiate the Loan of twenty thousand Dollars and pledge its faith accordingly.

Resolved, that the Trustees of the Masonic Hall be requested, and they are hereby authorized to execute a Mortgage upon all the property of the Grand Lodge, in Chestnut Street and Lodge Alley to the Trustees of the Masonic Loans, as security for the subscribers to the new Loan of twenty thousand dollars, authorized by a Vote of the Grand Lodge on the fifth day of June last.

A Petition was received and read from sundry Members of Lodge "West of Schuylkill, N^o 154," complaining of the conduct of Thomas Thompson, Worshipful Master of said Lodge, and praying the Grand Lodge to suspend him from

the exercise of the duties of his office, which was referred to Brothers T. B. Freeman, E. W. Keyser and James W. Murray to enquire and make report.

On Motion Made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master appoint a Committee of three Members of the Grand Lodge to enquire and report what measures have been taken and what are expedient to be adopted in order to open a brotherly communication with the Grand Lodge of England and other Grand Lodges in Europe.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Josiah Randall, James Harper, jun^r. and Michael Nisbet, a Committee for the above purpose.

A Petition was received and read from Henry Scheetz, junior, stating that on the 21st of April, 1820, he petitioned Lodge No. 81, held at Germantown, for initiation into the Mysteries of Free Masonry and to become a Member of said Lodge, that he has been informed that he was rejected, that his Character is irreproachable and he knows no cause why he has been thus dealt with. He therefore hoped that such measures would be adopted as would enable him to become a Member of our honourable and ancient institution. Which Petition was recommended by a Number of the Members of said Lodge. On Motion made and Seconded, said Petition was referred to Brothers Candy Raguet, Robert Toland and George A. Baker to enquire and make report.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in harmony at 9 o'clock in the Evening to meet again on Monday, the Second day of October next, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 2nd, A. D. 1820, A. L. 5820.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

BRO. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

Bro. Thomas Elliott, R. W. D. Grand Master.

“ Candy Raguet, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ Anthony Fannen, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ John Nisbet, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Geo. Dennison, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

Rev^d. Bro. W^m. Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Ja^s M. Linnard, Grand Marshal, P. T.

“ Andrew Hooton, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

“ Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.

“ Joseph Burden, R. W. P. Senior Grand Warden.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 45, 51, 52, 59, 62, 67, 71, 72, 73, 75, 91, 103, 114, 115, 123, 130, 131, 139, 141, 154, 157, 158, 161, 165, 166 and 167 represented.

Twenty-Nine Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at half past Six o'clock in the Evening.

A Petition was received and read from a Number of Brethren residing at St Jago, in the Island of Cuba, stating that they were Master Masons and praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge at that place to be called La Benevolence, and that Brother Nicholas Canalejo might be named Worshipful Master; Brother Ventura Perez, Senior Warden, and Brother I. N. Ferrer, Junior Warden of the same.

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that a Warrant be issued to them upon their furnishing to the R. W. Grand Master satisfactory evidence of their being Master Masons.

The Committee appointed on the resolutions presented by Brother Porter on the 27th of December last made report, which was read and is as follows, Viz:

At a meeting of the Committee, appointed on the 27th of December last, on the resolutions offered by Brother George B. Porter, held the 19th June, 1820,

The R. W. G. Master being present took the Chair.

Bro. Isaac Darlington was appointed Secretary.

Present, all the Members of the Committee except Bro. George B. Porter.

The Resolutions above referred to and also a Letter from Ohio Lodge, N^o 113, referred to the same Committee were taken up and considered, and after discussion, the first resolution was modified on Motion of Bro. Darlington, seconded by Bro. Baldwin, so as to read as follows, viz :

1. Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to open correspondence with the different Grand Lodges in the United States relative to effecting a General Grand Convocation of the Grand Officers and past Grand Officers of the same, for the purpose of taking into consideration the interests of Masonry in the United States.

And being so modified was adopted by the Committee.

The second resolution being under consideration, it was moved by Brother Baldwin and seconded by Brother Bradford to modify the same so as to read as follows, viz :

2. Resolved, that R. W. G. Master be requested by himself or one or more Deputies to be appointed by him, to visit the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge within the state from time to time, and that the expenses attending the same shall be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

Which resolution being so modified was agreed to by the Committee.

The Third Resolution was on Motion of Bro. Baldwin, seconded by Bro. Darlington, disagreed to.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Sign'd)

BAYSE NEWCOMB, G. M.

Octo. 2, 1820.

The Committee appointed on the complaint of Brother George Gray against Brother George Howorth made report which was read and is as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee appointed to investigate the complaint of Br. George Gray vs. Br. George Howorth, respectfully beg leave to report,

That they have had the parties and Witnesses before them and after a patient investigation, do unanimously agree that there is no just cause of complaint.

They therefore offer the following Resolution :

Resolved, that Br. George Gray have leave to withdraw his complaint against Bro. George Howorth.

(Sign'd)

WILLIAM M^CCORKLE,
ROB^T. DE SILVER,
JA^S. MAXWELL.

Philad^a. July 15, 1820.

Which report and resolution were adopted.

The Committee appointed on the Complaint against the W. Master of Lodge N^o. 154, made report which was read and is as follows, to wit :

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition and complaint from sundry Members of Lodge N^o. 154,

Respectfully Report,

That the subject referred to them having been amicably settled by the parties to the satisfaction of the petitioners, who do not desire to proceed any further in the business, the Committee beg leave to offer the annexed resolution to permit the Brethren of N^o. 154 to withdraw their petition.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Sign'd)

T. B. FREEMAN, }
E. W. KEYSER, } Committee.
I. W. MURRAY, }

Resolved, that Brothers Geo. Howorth and others, Members of Lodge N^o. 154, have leave to withdraw their Petition presented and read on the 4th September ultimo.

Which report and resolution were adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Complaint of Bro. Daniel LeFever against Lodge N^o. 104, and also against Bro. Joseph LeFever, a Member of said Lodge, made report which was read, when on Motion the said report was referred to Brothers Robert Toland, James W. Murray and Anthony

Fannen, to prepare and report resolutions agreeably to the facts stated in said report.

A Letter dated, New Castle, Delaware, July 15, 1820, from James Booth, jun^r. Esquire, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, was received and read, stating that at a Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, on the 27th June last, a petition was presented signed by Plummer Edwards and others praying for a Charter from the said Grand Lodge to hold a Lodge in the Village of Kennetts Square, in Kennetts Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania; that the Grand Lodge of Delaware decided that no Charter or Warrant ought to be granted until information should be given to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, of the making of the said application, in order that it might be ascertained whether the said Grand Lodge approved thereof; he therefore, by direction of the Grand Lodge of Delaware wrote to ascertain whether the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has any objections to the issuing of a Charter according to the prayer of the Petition, and if so what those objections are.

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to inform the Grand Lodge of Delaware, that the Grand Lodge cannot consent to any other Grand Lodge granting a Warrant within the State of Pennsylvania, as it is apprehended that consequences injurious to masonry in general would inevitably result from any Grand Lodge interfering with the Jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, containing the Names of their Grand Officers, &c., for the present year, which was ordered to be filed.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, containing the Names of their Grand Officers, &c., for the present year, Which was ordered to be filed.

A Communication dated New Orleans, July 27, 1820, from Bro. Dissard, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, informed that the Warrant of Friendship Lodge, N^o. 6, at

Mobile, in the State of Alabama, had been taken and withdrawn from said Lodge for non payment of dues, &c.

A Petition was received and read from Bro. William H. Wetherill appealing from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o. 45, held at Pittsburgh, Which was referred to Bro. Magnus M. Murray and the Worshipful Masters of Lodges N^o. 113 and 165, held in the City of Pittsburgh to inquire and make report.

A Petition was received and read from John H. Shannon, stating that he had applied to Mount Lebanon Lodge, N^o. 172, held at Lebanon, for Initiation and Membership, but through some unknown cause was rejected, for against his Character he defied the tongue of calumny to say any thing inconsistent with an honest, temperate and industrious Man, and therefore prayed the Grand Lodge to restore him to the same privileges he enjoyed previous to his application to said Lodge, Which petition was accompanied by a Certificate from sundry Members of the said Lodge respecting the Character of the Petitioner.

On Motion the said Petition was referred to the W. Master, Senior and Junior Wardens of Lodge N^o. 62, held at Reading, to inquire and make report.

A Memorial was presented and read from the Officers of Lodge N^o. 159, held at Danville, Columbia County, representing that Thomas W. Bell, formerly a Member of Lodge N^o. 67, held at Philadelphia, and being expelled by that Lodge, appealed from its decision, but from pecuniary difficulties was unable to attend before the Committee of examination, wherefore the said Appellant had leave to withdraw his appeal ; that he is now a resident of Danville and is desirous of re-instatement and attaching himself to the Lodge at that place, that he has resided in their neighbourhood a Number of years and during that time deported himself uprightly, observing they believe, his Moral and Civil duties ; that he is a proper object for the clemency of the Grand Lodge ; they therefore pray that the said Thomas W. Bell may be fully reinstated in his rights and standing as a Member of our honourable fraternity. The officers of Lodge N^o. 100 in the vicinity of Danville concurred in the recommendation.

On Motion the said Memorial was referred to Brothers James Harper, jun^r, Calvin Mason and Samuel Webb to inquire and make report.

The following Communications, returns, &c., from Lodges were presented and read, viz :

Lodge N^o. 3, held at Philadelphia. Expulsion of T—— B—— and H—— R—— for unmasonic conduct. Communication of sundry alterations in the Bye Laws of said Lodge which were referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and report thereon.

Lodge N^o. 43, held at Lancaster. Expulsion of M—— G——, jun^r, for wickedly and unfeelingly deserting his Wife and Children and taking with him a woman of ill fame.

Lodge N^o. 62, held at Reading. Election Return. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of J—— S—— for non payment of dues and the rejection of W—— P——.

Lodge N^o. 67, held at Philadelphia. Expulsion of J—— S—— for unmasonic conduct and non payment of dues. Suspension of T—— S—— and I—— N—— for non payment of dues and the rejection of T—— S—— S——.

Lodge N^o. 81, held at Germantown. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and report thereon.

Lodge N^o. 128, held at Philadelphia. Suspension of J—— J——, W. M., J—— M——, J—— R——, B—— B——, D—— C——, J—— R——, J—— H——, G—— G——, G—— M——.

Lodge N^o. 131, held at Philadelphia. Suspension of S—— P. G—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N^o. 153, held at Waynesburgh, Green County. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 164, held in the Town of Washington. Return to Dispensation to Constitute said Lodge was received and read, whereby it appeared that the said Lodge was duly constituted on the 25th day of January last.

Lodge N^o. 189, held at Columbia, Lancaster County. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and re-

ferred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and report thereon.

Lodge N^o. 173, held at Lawrenceville, Alleghany Cot^y. Return to Dispensation to Constitute said Lodge was presented and read, whereby it appeared that the said Lodge was duly Constituted on the 21st February, 1820.

Lodge N^o. 102, held at Frankford. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and report thereon.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that as a means of reducing to practice the well known maxim, that "all litigation between the brethren shall be discouraged," a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the practicability of establishing masonic tribunals, for the adjustment of differences and of disputed accounts between Masons.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Candy Raguet, James Harper, jun^r. and Joseph Burden a Committee for the above purpose.

The following preamble and Resolutions were presented and laid on the Table by Bro. Raguet :

Whereas, it is the duty of Masons to promote the prosperity of each other in their respective trades or avocations, whenever it can be done without prejudice to individual interests.

And whereas, through an inattention to the beneficial results which would flow from a mutual interchange of their labour, and of the products of their respective branches of industry, as well as from the want of a sufficient acquaintance with the pursuits of each other, this duty has been much neglected.

And whereas, the embarrassments of the times and the general suspension of employment, which now weigh with a heavy hand upon the community, bringing want to the doors of thousands who have heretofore been blessed with abundance, seem to call for an increased exercise of masonic charity and good fellowship, therefore, be it

Resolved, that it be strongly recommended by the Grand Lodge to the individual Members of all the subordinate

Lodges under its jurisdiction to give a preference in all their dealings to their Masonic brethren, *wherever they can do it on terms of equal advantage as in dealing with others*, and to this end, they be urged to use every reasonable exertion to ascertain the names and occupation of those who belong to the fraternity.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to call upon all the Lodges within the City and the adjacent Counties for Alphabetical lists of their Members as they shall stand on the first day of January next, accompanied by the place of residence and profession of each, and that he cause to be printed as many Copies, and in such type and form, as the Grand Officers shall approve.

Resolved, that immediately after the printing of the said lists, as many copies be sent to each of the reporting Lodges as there are Members therein, with instruction to distribute them by Committees, who shall be pledged to deliver them *in person* to the individuals for whom they are intended and to explain to them the substance of these resolutions.

Resolved, that a Copy of these resolutions be forthwith transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the various Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction.

The following resolutions were presented and laid on the table by Bro. Ja^s. W. Murray :

Resolved,

1. That a Committee of Three Members of the Grand Lodge be appointed to take measures in concert with such other brethren as they may think proper, to organize a Society of Ancient York Master Masons, for the purpose of educating the Children of deceased brethren, and effecting such other Charitable or beneficial objects as the Society may hereafter find practicable and expedient.

2. That the constitution to be adopted by the Society shall provide that, "All sums received upon the admission of Members, all donations, (unless otherwise directed by the donors,) and one half of the annual receipts of the Society, shall be reserved and invested so as to form a permanent accumulating fund, the interest or profits of which may augment the income of the Society."

3. A Statement of the progress of the permanent fund and of the operations and expenditures of the Society and its officers shall be annually communicated to the Grand Lodge at their Grand Communication upon St John's Day in December.

4. The Constitution, Bye Laws and all amendments of either of them which may be adopted by the Society, shall be submitted for the approbation of the Grand Lodge at the next Grand Communication after their adoption, and if disapproved by the Grand Lodge shall become void.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday, the 16th instant at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, October 16, A. D. 1820, A. L. 5820.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

BRO. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

- " Thomas Elliott, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- " Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- " John Banks, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " Anthony Fannen, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
- " James W. Murray, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.
- " Candy Raguet, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.
- " Henry Horm, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
- " Cornelius Stevenson, Grand Marshal, P. T.
- " Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.
- " Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. P. Grand Master.
- " Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 62, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121
126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 139, 141, 155, 158 and 160 represented.

Twenty Seven Lodges being represented Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The Committee of Accounts made report on the Accounts of Bro. George A. Baker, Grand Secretary, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

"We the Committee of Accounts of the Right Worshipful,
"the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,

"Respectfully Report,

"That we have carefully examined the within account of
"the Grand Secretary from December 28, 1818 to December
"27, 1819, and are of the opinion the same is correct, leaving
"a Balance of Fifty Nine Dollars, ninety six cents, due to the
"Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"Philadelphia, October 3rd, 1820.

" WILLIAM PAGE,	} "Committee of Ac ^t "
" MARK RICHARDS,	
" E. W. KEYSER,	

Which report was adopted.

The Committee of Accounts made report on the accounts of George A. Baker, Grand Sec^y for the payment of Interest on the Masonic Loans, which was read and is as follows, Viz :

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

"The Committee of Accounts,

"Respectfully Report,

"That we have carefully examined the within account of
"George A. Baker, Grand Secretary, in account with the
"Grand Lodge for Interest on the Masonic Loans and find
"the same correct, leaving a balance of Interest uncalled for
"of One hundred and seventy seven Dollars, which was de-
"posited in Stephen Girard's Bank, as ~~per~~ Bank Book exhib-
"ited to us.

"Philadelphia, October 3^d, 1820.

(Sign'd)	" WILLIAM PAGE,	} "Committee of Acc ^t "
	" MARK RICHARDS,	
	" E. W. KEYSER,	

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Accounts made report on the Accounts

of Joseph S. Lewis, Grand Treasurer, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

" We, the Committee of Accounts of the Right Worshipful
" Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, to whom the
" foregoing Account of Joseph S. Lewis, Grand Treasurer, was
" referred for examination,

" Respectfully Report,

" That we have carefully examined the same and find a
" balance in the hands of the Treasurer, on the 27th of De-
" cember, 1819, of Four thousand and two dollars and seven-
" teen Cents.

" Philadelphia, October 3, 1820.

(Sign'd)

" WILLIAM PAGE,

" MARK RICHARDS,

" E. W. KEYSER,

} " Committee."

Which report was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution relative to the expediency of establishing Masonic Tribunals made report which was read and laid on the Table.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to cause 250 Copies of the said report to be printed and transmit one to each Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and also, to furnish a Copy to each Member of the Grand Lodge applying for the same.

The Committee to whom was referred the Appeal of Peter Gwinner from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o. 152, held at Easton, made report which was read and is as follows, to wit :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge :

The Committee appointed on the 20th Decem^r. last, on the Appeal of Peter Gwinner from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o. 152, beg leave to report,

That sometime after their appointment information of the adjustment of the dispute between P. Gwinner and H. Jarrett was forwarded to N^o. 152, but that Lodge not conceiving the

settlement between the parties to affect their proceedings, declined taking any order thereon. The Committee then appointed a time for hearing the parties, who were duly notified. Lodge N^o 152 forwarded Copies of their proceedings and P. Gwinner attended the Meetings of the Committee for the purpose of exhibiting evidence to set aside the proceedings of said Lodge.

Jarrett charged Gwinner with having borrowed of him \$230, of which he had only re-paid \$25, and that he verily believed Gwinner intended to defraud him of the balance due. The facts as they appear from the evidence before the Committee of Lodge N^o 152 by Jarrett and before your Committee by Gwinner, are as follows, viz :

Jarrett did lend to Gwinner \$230 dollars as stated in his Complaint, and acknowledges the receipt of \$25 ; the balance of this Am^t appears to have been settled by two Notes, one drawn by John Freeman in favour of P. Gwinner for \$105, and the other by Felix Lynn for \$100. On the examination of these Persons by the Committee of Lodge N^o 152, they reported that Freeman had said on Oath that he had given Gwinner the Note under the guarantee of Jarrett that he would pay it in case Gwinner did not ; this note was paid by Freeman who says he holds Jarrett accountable for the Am^t. The Committee also state that Doctor Lynn said, (it does not appear that he was sworn,) that he had also given his Note to Gwinner under the same pledge, but in another examination he stated to a certain Jacob Lerch, jun^r. (who has testified to the same under Oath,) that he never received such a pledge from Jarrett, but that he had confidence in Gwinner who had moreover given him at the time he lent him his Note, two Notes as a security for the same, the Am^t of which, \$109, he has received.

Gwinner has stated to the Committee that it was his intention to have made provision for the Note of Freeman in his Assignment, but that in the hurry of business it was neglected, he has however since paid \$25 to Jarrett and promises to pay the balance when able.

In offering the following resolution it is not the wish of

your Committee to cast any reflection on the proceedings of Lodge N^o. 152; on the contrary, we believe they were influenced by the purest motives in acting according to the evidence before them. Yet cannot but consider Br. Gwinner as having been dealt with too rigorously, particularly after having made every atonement for the errors he might have Committed. And especially as he frequently informed the Committee of Lodge N^o. 152 that he could not attend to make his defence on, Acc^t of the fears he then entertained of an Arrest by his Creditors.

Your Committee therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution :

Resolved, that the vote of expulsion passed against Br. Peter Gwinner by Lodge N^o. 152 be rescinded, and that he be and hereby is restored to all his former rights and privileges as a Mason.

(Sign'd)

JAMES HARPER, jun^r.

ROB. TOLAND,

E. W. KEYSER.

Which report was adopted.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of New York, containing an account of their proceedings between the 24th June, 1819, and the 24th June, 1820, Which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, containing an account of its proceedings in May, 1820, Which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

Lodge N^o. 3, held at Philadelphia. A Communication of the Expulsion of the following Brethren for Non payment of dues was received and read from said Lodge, viz: J—— B——, G—— G——, F—— E——, J—— K——, J—— P——, A—— A——, A—— H——, M—— J. L——, A—— R—— and T—— C——.

Lodge N^o. 114, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the expulsion by said Lodge of S—— P—— for non payment of Dues.





Lodge N^o. 100, lately held at Cattawissa. A Communication was received and read from said Lodge dated September 25, 1820, stating that said Lodge had been removed to Bloomsburg.

The Resolutions laid on the table by Bro. Murray on the 2nd instant relative to the organization of a Society for the education of Children of deceased Brethren, &c., were called up for consideration and adopted.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers James W. Murray, Samuel F. Bradford and James Harper, jun^r, a Committee for the purpose contained in the said Resolutions.

Brother Bradford presented and laid on the table the following resolution :

Resolved, that the several Committees who have been concerned in the erection and furnishing the New Hall, as well as preparing the materials of the procession, be required to furnish a statement of their expenditures as far as they have the means at the next Grand Communication.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half past 9 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 1, A. D. 1820, A. L. 5820.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Dedication and Consecration of the New Hall.

The Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, which was destroyed by fire on the 9th March, 1819, having been rebuilt in a superior style of elegance was dedicated on Wednesday, the First of November, 1820. This event was celebrated by the Craft, with great pomp and splendour, and with feelings of gratitude and joy. The brethren of the Lodges in the City, joined by Numbers from different parts of the State and from our Sister States, among whom were the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, assembled at the Washington Hall in Third Street, between the hours

of Nine and Ten in the forenoon and were formed into procession in the following order, viz :

Three Trumpets.

Tyler with drawn sword.

Lodge La Reconnaissance, N^o. 160, in the following order, viz :

Masters of Ceremonies with drawn swords.

Entered Apprentices Two and Two.

Fellow Crafts, Two and Two.

Master Masons, Two and Two.

Past Masters, Two and Two.

Deacons with their wands, blue tipt with white.

Secretary and Treasurer.

Wardens of the Lodge, bearing their Columns.

Master of the Lodge, carrying his Mallet.

On the flank of the Lodge one of the Members of the Lodge acting as Marshal of his own Lodge in the Procession, and bearing a blue wand tipt with Silver.

Meridian Sun Lodge, N^o. 158, in the same order.

Mount Moriah Lodge, N^o. 155, in the same order.

Rising Sun Lodge, N^o. 139, in the same order.

A Military Band of Music.

Phoenix Lodge, N^o. 130, in the same order.

Temple Lodge, N^o. 128, in the same order.

Philanthropy Lodge, N^o. 127, in the same order.

Rising Star Lodge, N^o. 126, in the same order.

Herman's Lodge, N^o. 125, in the same order.

Union Lodge, N^o. 121, in the same order.

St. Johns Lodge, N^o. 115, in the same order.

Solomons Lodge, N^o. 114, in the same order.

Columbia Lodge, N^o. 91, in the same order.

Hiram Lodge, N^o. 81, in the same order.

A Military Band of Music.

Philadelphia Lodge, N^o. 72, in the same order.

Orange Lodge, N^o. 71, in the same order.

Concordia Lodge, N^o. 67, in the same order.

Washington Lodge, N^o. 59, in the same order.

Harmony Lodge, N^o. 52, in the same order.

Lodge N^o. 51, in the same order.

Lodge N^o. 19, in the same order.

Lodge N^o. 9, in the same order.

Lodge N^o. 3, in the same order.

Lodge N^o. 2, in the same order.

A Band of Military Music.

Grand Lodge in the following order, viz :

Grand Tyler, with drawn sword.

Banner of Free Masons Arms, carried by a Past Master.

Members of the Building Committee, carrying the Key of the Hall.

Architect, carrying the square, level and plumb rule, with the Book of Architecture.

Twelve Past Masters, Two and Two, bearing white wands.

Trustees of the Masonic Loans, Two and Two.

Four Past Masters, carrying the Lodge, covered with white satin.

Standards of Faith and Hope, carried by Two Past Masters.

Two Past Masters, carrying golden Pitchers, containing Oil and Wine.

A Past Master, carrying a golden Cornu-Copia, containing Corn.

The Third Light, borne by a Past Master.

Past Grand Wardens.

The Second Light, borne by a Past Master.

Past Deputy Grand Masters.

The First Light, borne by a Past Master.

Past Grand Masters.

Standard of Charity, carried by a Past Master.

A Past Master, carrying the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses, on a Crimson Velvet Cushion, supported by Two Past Masters.

Grand Chaplains.

Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Deputy Grand Secretary, carrying the Book of Constitutions.

Grand Secretary with his Bag and Grand Treasurer with his Staff.

Banners of Strength and Beauty, carried by Two Past Masters.

Grand Wardens, bearing their columns.

Deputy Grand Master.

Banner of Wisdom, carried by a Past Master.

Grand Sword Bearer, carrying the sword of State and a Past Master carrying the golden Mallet.

Grand Master.

Two Grand Deacons with wands silvered and tipped with gold.

Grand Pursuivant with drawn Sword.

A Marshal on the flank of the Grand Lodge with wand silvered and tipped with gold.

Three Grand Marshals on Horseback, on the flank of the Procession, carrying purple Truncheons tipped with Gold, superintending the other Marshals and regulating the whole line of the Procession.

The distance between the Files was 6 Feet.

In the above order the Procession moved from the Washington Hall, South Third Street, and proceeded thence along the West side of Third Street to Spruce Street; along the North side of Spruce Street to Second Street; along the West side of Second Street to Arch Street; along the North side of Arch Street to Fourth Street; along the East side of Fourth Street to Zion Church and entered at the North door. When the front of the Procession reached the Church, the Brethren halted, opened their ranks and faced inwards. The Grand Master preceded by a Band of Music, the Grand Marshals, Grand Pursuivant and Two Grand Deacons, moved forward through the ranks into the Church, the Brethren uncovered as the Grand Master passed them, and closing from the rear, followed in reverse order into the Church, where an Appropriate address was delivered by the R. W. Grand Master, accompanied with Thanksgiving, Prayers and Solemn Music in the following order, to wit:

On the entrance of the Procession, Voluntary on the Organ by Brother R. Taylor.

Sympathy—By Milgrove.

Air.

O Zion, Afflicted with wave upon wave,
Whom no man can comfort, whom no man can save;

With darkness surrounded, by terrors dismay'd ;
In toiling and rowing thy strength is decay'd.

Chorus.

Forget thee, I will not, I cannot ; thy name,
Engraved on my heart, doth forever remain.
The palms of my hands, whilst I look on, I see
The wounds I received when suff'ring for thee ;
I feel at my heart all thy sighs and thy groans,
For thou art most near me, my flesh and my bones.
In all thy distresses thy head feels the pain ;
Yet all are most needful ; not one is in vain.

PRAYER.

By the Reverend Brother George C. Potts, Grand Chaplain.

Anthem—By C. Meinecke.

Air.

O praise the Lord, in that blest place,
From whence his goodness largely flows.
Praise him in Heav'n, where he his face,
Unveil'd in perfect glory shows.

Chorus.

Praise him for all the mighty Acts,
Which he in our behalf has done:
His kindness this return exacts,
With which our praise should equal run.
Let the shrill trumpet's warlike voice,
Make rocks and hills his praise rebound ;
Praise him with harp's melodious voice,
And gentle psaltry's silver sound.
Let Virgin troops soft timbrels bring,
And some with graceful motion dance ;
Let instruments of various strings,
With organs join'd, his praise advance.
Let those who joyful hymns compose,
To Cymbals set their songs of praise ;
Cymbals of common use, and those
That loudly sound on solemn days.

Full Chorus.

Let all who vital breath enjoy,
The breath he doth to them afford,
In just returns of praise employ;
Let ev'ry creature praise the Lord.
Amen, Amen.

ORATION.

By Brother Bayse Newcomb, Esquire, R. W. Grand Master.

HYMN.

Air.

Why make the soft harmonious lays?
Why do our songs united raise?
'Tis heav'n born Charity we praise,
The source of all our earthly joys.

Coda.

Hail, Charity! what heart but glows with thee,
Bright emanation of the deity.

PRAYER.

By the Reverend Brother Doc. William Rogers, Grand
Chaplain.

MASONIC ODE.

Composed by M^r. W. B. Tappan—Music by Pucitta. Ar-
ranged by Brother B. Carr.

“Strike the Cymbal,
Roll the tymbal!”
Swell the note of grateful love;
Heav'n rejoices!
Lend your Voices!
Praise the Architect above.

God of glory!
The song of Vict'ry,
Peans loud are ever thine

Cherubs singing,
Glad are bringing
Offerings to Jehovah's shrine!

Lo! in grandeur,
Bedeck'd in splendour,
See the Temple proudly rises!
Masonry triumphant gazes!
Where, red gleaming,
Ruin beaming,
Spread the midnight terror round.

Art combining,
Grace entwining,
Charity the Corner stone:
Discord never
Can dissever
Fabrics rear'd on God alone!

Faith and Hope our chosen stay,
Love illumes with mystic ray,
Truth and Reason still combine,
Still adorn the hallow'd shrine.
Praise, praise the Architect! O praise!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!

BENEDICTION.

The fraternity in the Church were honored with the presence of the Reverend Clergy of the various denominations, the Honourable Judges of the several Courts, the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen, the Select and Common Councils, the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania and the Directors of the Academy of Fine Arts, together with a brilliant assemblage of Ladies.

After the ceremonies were concluded in the Church, the Procession was resumed in the same order, and proceeded along the East side of Fourth Street to Race Street; along the North side of Race Street to Sixth Street; along the East side of Sixth Street to Arch Street; along the North side of Arch

Street to Ninth Street : along the East side of Ninth Street to Chestnut Street, and along the North side of Chestnut to the New Hall. When the Procession arrived at the Hall, the same reversed order of entering was observed, with the exception of the Building Committee preceeding the Grand Master with the Key, and unlocking the door.

The Grand Master having reached Solomon's Chair the Officers and Members took their seats. The Lodge was then placed in the Center of the Hall, and the Three Lights, with the Golden Pitchers and Cornu-Copia, containing Oil, Wine and Corn, were placed thereon. The Bible, Square and Compasses, on a Crimson Velvet Cushion, were placed on the Grand Master's Pedestal and the Grand Lodge was Tyled.

Grand General Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

" Thomas Elliott, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

" Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" William McCorkle, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

" Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

" Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

" Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

" Benjamin Say, Grand Marshal.

" Andrew M. Prevost, Grand Sword Bearer.

" Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.

Rev^d Bro. Doc. William Rogers,

" " " George C. Potts, } Grand Chaplains.

" " " James Milnor, }

Bro. Richard Tybout,

" Samuel F. Bradford, } R. W. Past Grand Masters.

" Walter Kerr,

The R. W. Grand Master and other Officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey, Viz :

Bro. James Giles, R. W. Grand Master.

" Samuel J. Read, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

- Bro. Richard L. Beatty, R. W. Grand Secretary.
 " Thomas S. Woodruff, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
 " Joseph I. Thompson, Senior Grand Deacon.
 " William McKnight, Grand Marshal.
 " N. Shuff, Grand Tyler.
 " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Representatives of Lodges, Viz :

- N^o. 2. George A. Baker, M^r. Emmor T. Weaver, J. W.
 3. Ja^a McCormach, M^r. G. P. Bonnin, S. W., A. Hatfield, J. W.
 9. Wil^m Creth, M^r. John Wilson, S. W., John McCartney, J. W.
 19. James Latimer, S. W., Tho^a Jones, J. W.
 21. Josiah Randall, Proxy.
 45. George A. Baker, Proxy.
 43. George B. Porter, M^r. Henry Keffer, S. W., Jos. Ogilby, J. W.
 51. T. B. Freeman, M^r. W^m Boyd, S. W., John Breban, J. W.
 52. John W. Harris, M^r. Jacob Durff, J. W.
 59. John Curry, M^r. George Curry, S. W., George Beatty, J. W.
 62. Joseph Burden, Proxy.
 67. Sam^l Webb, M^r. Theodore Deklyne, S. W., Ch^a Stout, J. W.
 71. David Nathans, M^r. Jacob Bockius, J. W.
 72. Geo. H. Burgin, M^r. Sam^l Bispham, S. W., Ch^a Egner, J. W.
 73. Robert P. Branu, M^r.
 81. Edward Thompson, M^r. John Hocker, S. W.
 84. Randall Hutchinson, Proxy.
 91. John Thompson, M^r. George Russel, S. W., John Ducker, J. W.
 113. Walter Kerr, Proxy.
 114. John Ritter, M^r. Simeon Gleason, S. W., David Boyd, J. W.
 115. Calvin Mason, M^r. F. E. Brewster, S. W., P. Winmore, J. W.

- N^o. 121. Robert Toland, M^r. Rich. Povall, S. W., Hon. Harrison, J. W.
125. Joseph Ripkay, J. W.
126. John Banks, M^r.
127. Thompson Wilson, M^r. Geo. Dannaker, S. W., Ed. King, J. W.
124. Walter Kerr, Proxy.
75. Joseph S. Lewis, Proxy.
103. Joseph S. Lewis, Proxy.
100. William Alexander, Proxy.
128. Robert Patton, S. W., John W. Allen, J. W.
130. George Gloninger, M^r. Sam^l. Wonderly, J. W.
131. Edward Haydock, S. W.
133. Richard Tybout, Proxy.
134. Thomas Roney, J. W.
139. James Dixey, M^r. D. H. Mason, S. W.
141. George A. Baker, Proxy.
147. Lambert Keatting, Proxy.
152. James M^cAlpin, Proxy.
154. Isaiah Beck, S. W.
155. W^m. Mandry, M^r. Isaac Avery, S. W., Josiah Evans, J. W.
157. Joseph S. Lewis, Proxy.
158. John D. Ferguson, M^r. Alvah Mason, S. W., John W. Kelly, J. W.
160. Basil Perroteau, M^r. C. A. Droz, S. W., Peter Pelouze, J. W.
161. Joseph S. Lewis, Proxy.
165. James Harper, jun^r. Proxy.
166. Joseph S. Lewis, Proxy.
167. Joseph S. Lewis, Proxy.

Forty Seven Lodges being represented Grand Lodge was uncovered and Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Grand Secretary stated that the Architect having completed the rebuilding of the Hall, was desirous of surrendering up the implements of Architecture which had been committed to his care, when he commenced the undertaking. Brother Samuel Webb, the Architect then arose, addressed the Grand

Master in an elegant speech, returned thanks for honor conferred on him by appointing him to superintend the reconstruction of the Hall, and expressed a hope that the manner in which he had executed the work would meet the approbation of the Grand Master and of the fraternity and requested permission to deliver up the implements of Architecture. The Grand Master then expressed his high approbation of the Architect's conduct, directed the Grand Wardens to receive the implements, which was done, and they were laid on the Lodge.

The Grand Secretary informed the Grand Master that it was the wish of the Fraternity to have the Hall dedicated to The Grand Architect of the Universe and to Masonry. The Grand Master thereupon commanded his Grand Officers and requested the favour of the R. W. Grand Officers, of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and of the R. W. Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to assist in that solemn duty.

A Dedication prayer was then offered up by one of the Grand Chaplains.

The Grand Officers then made a procession round the Lodge three different times, at the end of which the Grand Master strewing Corn over the Lodge, declared in solemn form, the Hall dedicated To the Grand Architect of the Universe, and to Masonry, which being proclaimed by the Grand Secretary, the Grand Honours were given. The Grand Officers again made a procession round the Lodge three different times, at the end of which the Grand Master pouring Wine over the Lodge, declared in solemn form, the Hall dedicated To Virtue and Science, which being proclaimed by the Grand Secretary, the Grand Honours were given as before. The Grand Officers again made a procession round the Lodge three different times, at the end of which the Grand Master pouring Oil on the Lodge in solemn form, declared the Hall dedicated To Universal Charity and Benevolence, which being proclaimed by the Grand Secretary, the Grand Honours were given as before.

A Consecration prayer was then offered up by One of the

Grand Chaplains and the Grand Master returned to Solomon's Chair.

During the ceremony of Dedication the following odes were sung accompanied with the Organ, viz :

FIRST ODE.

Hail! Masonry divine!
 Glory of ages shine!
 Long may'st thou reign;
 Where'er thy Lodges stand,
 May they have great command,
 And always grace the land;
 Thou art divine!

Great fabrics still arise,
 And grace the azure skies,
 Great are thy schemes:
 Thy noble orders are
 Matchless beyond compare,
 No art with thee can share;
 Thou art divine !

Hiram, the Architect,
 Did all the Craft direct
 How they should build;
 Sol'mon, great Is'rel's King,
 Did mighty blessings bring,
 And left us room to sing,
 Hail! royal Art! .

} Chorus three times.

SECOND ODE.

Hail! mysterious, glorious science,
 Which to discord bids defiance;
 Harmony alone reigns here.
 Come, let's sing to him that rais'd us
 From the rugged path that maz'd us,
 To the light that we revere.

THIRD ODE.

Air.

When earth's foundation first was laid,
 By the Almighty Artist's hand,
 'Twas then our perfect laws were made,
 Establish'd by his strict command.

Chorus.

Hail! mysterious, hail! glorious Masonry!
 That makes us ever great and free.

As Man throughout for shelter sought,
 In vain from place to place did roam,
 Until from Heaven he was taught
 To plan, to build, to fix his home.
 Hail! mysterious, &c.

Hence illustrious rose our art,
 And now in beauteous piles appear;
 Which shall to endless time impart
 How worthy and how great we are.
 Hail! mysterious, &c.

Nor we less fam'd for ev'ry tie,
 By which the human thought is bound;
 Love, truth, and friendship socially,
 Join all our hearts and hands around.
 Hail! mysterious, &c.

Our actions still by Virtue blest,
 And to our precepts ever true,
 The world admiring shall request
 To learn, and our bright paths pursue.
 Hail! mysterious, &c.

Praise the Grand Master.

A Masonic Canon for four Voices.

Composed by Dr. J. K. Jackson.

"Praise the Grand Master of the Universal Lodge."

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the R. W. Grand Master for the Oration delivered by him this day before the Grand Lodge in Zion's Church, and that he be respectfully requested to furnish a Copy thereof for publication.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the Officers of the Washington Benevolent Society for their politeness in granting the use of the Grand Saloon in their Hall for the purpose of forming the Masonic Procession in this day.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the Corporation of Zion's Church for their kindness in granting the use of the said Church for the purpose of delivering in it the Masonic Oration before the Grand Lodge this day.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, for their Assistance in the solemn ceremonies of this day.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the Building Committee for their care and attention in superintending the reconstruction of the Hall.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the furnishing Committee for the taste displayed by them in furnishing the various apartments in the Hall.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the Committee of Arrangement, and to the Committee who attended in the Church for the services rendered by them.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the Committee who procured and arranged the Music in the Church and in the Hall.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the Ladies and Gentlemen composing the Choir, and to all who assisted in the vocal and instrumental performance this day in the Church and in the Grand Lodge room.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half past 4 o'clock, p. m., and the Brethren repaired to various places previously fixed on to dine.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

Masonic Banquet.

The Grand Lodge, with the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, with a Number of respectable Visitors and Brethren, about Two Hundred in Number, sat down about 5 o'clock in the afternoon to an elegant Banquet, prepared in the Grand Saloon of the Hall, and at an early hour in the Evening they separated in the utmost harmony and good order.

The display of the Craft, about 1000 in Number, exceeded in splendor and order any former exhibition of the kind; and notwithstanding the concourse of spectators surpassed any ever assembled on a public occasion in this City, yet no unpleasant occurrence interrupted the solemnities of the day.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 4, A. D. 1820, A. L. 5820.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Thomas Elliott, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

- Bro. Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
“ William M^cCorkle, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
“ Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
“ Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.
“ Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.
“ Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.
Rev^d. Bro. Doc. W^m. Rogers, Grand Chaplain.
Bro. Isaac Levis, Grand Sword Bearer.
“ Benjamin Say, Grand Marshal.
“ Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.
“ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. P. Grand Master.
“ Richard Tybout, R. W. P. Grand Master.
“ Joseph Barnes, R. W. P. D. Grand Master.
“ Joseph Burden, R. W. P. S. Grand Warden.
“ Thomas Armstrong, R. W. P. J. Grand Warden.
“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

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Forty-Three Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at half past 6 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication were read and approved.

On Motion, the reading of the Minutes of the Meetings held since the last Grand Quarterly Communication, was postponed until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that having been furnished with satisfactory evidence that the Brethren who applied for a Warrant to hold a Lodge at S^t Jago de Cuba were Master Masons, he had directed a Warrant to be issued to them on the 8th ultimo, and that the same was Numbered 175.

A Petition was received and read from divers ancient York Master Masons, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the Town of Mount Pleasant, in the County of Westmoreland, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to be called “Morning Star,” and that Brother George Farrell might be named W. Master; Brother Clement Burleigh, Senior Warden, and

Brother Samuel Hunter, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petition be granted, that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 176.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to enquire and report the Amount of the annual rents the subordinate Lodges, the Grand and subordinate Chapters and Encampments, shall after St John's day next, pay to the Grand Lodge for firewood and lighting, and the use of the rooms respectively occupied by them in the Masonic Hall.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed the following Brethren a Committee for the above purpose, viz: James M^cCormick, William Creth, James Maxwell, T. B. Freeman, John W. Harris, John Curry, Samuel Webb, David Nathans and George H. Burgin.

A Commission duly executed was received and read from Lodge N^o 123, appointing Brother Bayse Newcomb, Proxy, to represent said Lodge in the Grand Lodge. Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Bro. Newcomb was duly recognized as Proxy for said Lodge.

A Commission duly executed was received and read from Lodge N^o 172, appointing Brother Josiah Randall, Proxy, to represent said Lodge in the Grand Lodge. Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Bro. Randall was duly recognized as Proxy for said Lodge.

A Petition was received and read from a Number of the Members of Lodge West of Schuylkill, N^o 154, praying for reasons therein stated to remove said Lodge to the New Hall in Chestnut Street.

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that this was the Evening appointed by the regulations of the Grand Lodge for the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the Election.

The Grand Lodge thereupon proceeded to the Election, when Brother Bayse Newcomb, was duly re-elected R. W. Grand Master.

“ Thomas Elliott, was duly re-elected R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Josiah Randall, was duly re-elected R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ James Harper, jun^r, was duly elected R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, was duly re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary, and

“ Joseph S. Lewis, was duly re-elected R. W. Grand Treasurer.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Tyler be directed to open and prepare the Grand Lodge Room and any other rooms that are ready, for the meetings of the different Lodges.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half past ten o'clock, to meet again on Monday, the 18th instant, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 18th, A. D. 1820, A. L. 5820.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

BRO. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Thomas Elliott, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ William McCorkle, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ Stephen W. Smith, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

Bro. Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

" Thomas Burrows, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

" Henry Hom, Grand Marshal, P. T.

Rev^d. Bro. W^m. Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.

" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. P. Grand Master.

" Joseph Burden, R. W. P. Senior Grand Warden.

" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 62, 67, 71, 72, 75, 91, 103, 114, 115, 121, 123, 125, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139, 141, 147, 152, 154, 155, 157, 158, 160, 161, 165, 166, 167 and 172 represented.

Thirty-Nine Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at half past 6 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication of the 2nd and 16th October last was read and approved.

Brother Webb requested to be excused from serving as a Member of the Committee to whom was referred the Memorial from Lodge N^o. 159, praying for the reinstatement of Thomas W. Bell, who was formerly expelled by Lodge N^o. 67. Whereupon, on Motion, Brother Webb was excused and Bro. James McAlpin appointed in his place.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Henry Scheetz, junior, made report which was read and is as follows, to wit :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee to whom was referred on the 4th of September last, the Petition of Henry Scheetz, junior, setting forth that the Petitioner had made application to Hiram Lodge, N^o. 81, held at Germantown, to be initiated into the Mysteries of Free Masonry and to become a Member of the said Lodge, and that he had been rejected, and prayed that the Grand Lodge would adopt such measures as would enable him to become a Member of the honourable and Ancient institution of Masonry,

Report that in pursuance of the duties enjoined upon them, they summoned several Witnesses from amongst the Members of Lodge N^o. 81, to appear before them, and made such en-

quiries as their distance from the residence of Henry Scheetz, junior, would enable them to do, and upon the whole are of opinion that the general Character of the said Henry Scheetz, junior, is not such as ought to disqualify him from admission into the Masonic Fraternity. Your Committee cannot but believe that some private feelings, originating perhaps in a family misunderstanding, may have had some influence upon the minds of some of the brethren who were present at the time of ballotting for M^r. Scheetz, but when they inform the Grand Lodge that those persons who were reputed to have put in the negative Votes are amongst the recommenders of the present Petition, the Committee trusts that the propriety of the following resolution which they respectfully recommend for adoption will be manifest.

Resolved, that Henry Scheetz, j^r, be restored to the situation in which he was, prior to the application made by him to Lodge N^o. 81, for initiation into the Mysteries of Freemasonry. Philad. Nov. 20, 1820, A. L. 5820.

CANDY RAGUET, }
GEORGE A. BAKER, } Committee.

Which report was adopted.

A report was received and read from the Building and Gas Committee which was read and is as follows, viz :

The Building Committee and Gas Committee appointed under the Authority of the R. W. G. Lodge to reconstruct the Masonic Hall, so unhappily destroyed by Fire on the 9 March, 1819, and to procure Gas lights for the same, have the honor to report that they proceeded with the best of their talents to execute the work entrusted to them, and that after a diligent attention to their duties had so far completed them on the 4 Ins^t. when the Grand Lodge took possession of the premises, as to see a termination of their labours, and that very little remained to be done except to adjust and settle the Accounts for the Work Contracted for.

The Committee beg leave further to report that by desire of the R. W. G. Master, they had accepted of the duties of the Hall Committee until S^t John's Day next, all of which trusts

aforementioned they had Contemplated to surrender on S^t John's day to the authority which created them, with a request only to have their powers continued so as to complete a final settlement of their Accounts.

A Circumstance however has occurred, most painful in its nature, which has called anew for their attention, from the destruction of the Gas House by Fire on the Morning of Sunday the 17 inst., arising from causes inexplicable, as from the best information the Committee can obtain, the Fires in the Furnaces were extinguished at 5 o'clock on Saturday, and the Superintendant saw all was safe at about 9 o'clock of the same Evening, after which the Building was closed.

This Circumstance has required some attention on the part of the Committee, and they have accordingly thought it their duty to direct the removal of the remnants of the Roof and the preparation of a temporary Means of supplying the House with Gas, which can be done at a small expense, and that a slight covering be erected over the building, which as soon as the season will permit, should be replaced by a permanent Roof and the reconstruction of the Masonry necessarily connected therewith, accompanied with such alterations as experience may point out to be necessary for convenience and security.

The principal damage occasioned by the Fire, appears to be in the roof and the Machinery connected with the Gasometers, and also, a small part of the upper portion of the Walls injured by the falling in of the roof. The Gasometers, Pipes, Flues, Cisterns and Main Building are very little injured. The Committee believe they will be enabled by S^t John's day to make the temporary arrangements before alluded to, after which there can be no doubt the Hall Committee to be appointed on that day, will be fully able to make the permanent repairs; at the same time the Committee are not disposed to shrink from the completion of the work if the R. W. G. Lodge should require them to do so.

Decem^r. 1820.

JOSEPH S. LEWIS.

JOSEPH BURDEN.

JAMES HARPER, jun^r.

CORNELIUS STEVENSON.

Which Report was accepted.

The Committee appointed to ascertain the Amount to be paid by the subordinate Lodges, &c., for Rent, Lighting, &c., made report which was read and is as follows, viz :

To the R. W. G. Master, P. G. Masters, Officers and Members of the R. W. G. Lodge :

We, the Committee, appointed to ascertain the Amounts to be paid by the different Lodges, and for the use of the Rooms, Fuel and Lighting, beg leave to Report,

That having several times met and made sundry experiments with gas and candles, after due deliberation agreed to recommend that the different charges be as follows, viz :

Rent for the Grand Lodge Room, per Annum.	\$70.
“ Arch Room when occupied by a Chapter, do.	70.
“ North West Room when used by a Lodge that does not meet in the G. L. Room	50.
“ Dome Room, ditto. do.	40.
“ N. W. Room when taken by the year by Lodges using the Grand Lodge room, do.	30.
“ Dome Room, ditto. do.	20.
Grand Chapter to pay for use of the Arch Room.	60.
Grand Encampment, ditto. do.	25.
Subordinate Encampments, ditto. do.	40.
Lodges requiring the exclusive use of a Store Room, do.	3.
Extra Meetings in the G. L. Room, per night	6.
do “ in “ N. W. “ do.	4.25
do “ in “ Dome “ do.	3.
Lodges Meeting in the G. L. Room to pay for light, per night	1.75
<i>(for which sum they are to be entitled to 70 Cubical feet of gas, and at the same rate should they use more.)</i>	
Lodges Meeting in the N. W. and Dome room to pay, per night	1.25
<i>(to be entitled to 40 Cubical feet of Gas, and should they use more to pay two and half Cents per foot.)</i>	
Lodges who occupy the Rooms paying the highest Rent to have a preference to the banquet Rooms.	

The Knight Templars to meet in the Royal Arch Room and no other.

No charge to be made for Rent, fuel or lighting either of the banqueting Rooms, unless occupied at other hours than those prescribed by the regulations of the Grand Lodge, then and in that case the light and rent is to be charged at the same rate as extra Meetings in the Dome Room, that is to say, 1 dollar per hour for Rent, (*and 2½ Cents per foot for light*).

The Committee Room on the main stairs to be for the Common use of all the Lodges, Chapters and Encampments who occupy either of the other Rooms in the Hall, to be used by them as a Committee room only and for no other purpose, for which they are to pay nothing, unless they should stay after the hours prescribed by the G. Lodge; in that case to be under the same regulations as mentioned above in the case of those occupying the banquet Room after hours. In case two or more Lodges should want said Committee Room at one and the same, then such Lodge as pays the highest rent to the G. Lodge for the other rooms occupied by them shall have the preference.

The Chapter Room, (*to be entitled to 70 feet of gas per night for which those who occupy it*), to pay \$1.75 per night, (*and if they use more, to pay 2½ Cents per foot*).

Subordinate Chapters or Encampments holding Extra Meetings to pay \$3 per night for Rent and \$1.25 for light.

All which is respectfully submitted.

December 18th, 1820.

JAMES McCORMACK, Master of Lodge N ^o 3.		
WILLIAM CRETH,	"	9.
T. B. FREEMAN,	"	51.
JOHN CURRY,	"	59.
SAMUEL WEBB,	"	67.
DAVID NATHANS,	"	71.
GEO. H. BURGIN,	"	72.
JOHN W. HARRIS,	"	52.

Which report was adopted.

Such parts of this report as are included in red brackets

and underscored with red, were repealed by the Grand Lodge, 1 October, 1821.

The Committee appointed to enquire and report relative to opening a Brotherly Correspondence with the Grand Lodge of England and other Grand Lodges in Europe, made report which was read and is as follows, viz :

To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee appointed on the 4th September last, relative to opening a Brotherly Communication with the Grand Lodge of England and other Grand Lodges in Europe, beg leave to report, That it appears by a reference to the Minutes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, that she has been always anxious to restore the brotherly Communion with the Grand Lodge of England, which has been for some time suspended, and has at different times endeavoured to renew the intercourse with that body ; these endeavours have hitherto been unavailing, but from what cause your Committee cannot determine, in as much as they are not certain that the Communications forwarded have been received by the Grand Lodge of England.

The Committee are of opinion, that a good understanding between the Grand Lodges in Europe, more particularly the Grand Lodge of England and this Grand Lodge, is an object of the utmost importance, and that every attempt to attain it reflects credit on those who may make the effort ; they are therefore not discouraged from persevering in the pursuit of this measure, even if the Grand Lodge of England have been indifferent or opposed to it. They therefore offer the following Resolutions :

Resolved, that the G. Secretary be directed in the Name and on the behalf of this Grand Lodge to address the Grand Lodge of England, expressing our regret that the mutual intercourse between the bodies should have been suspended, and expressing our sincere desire that it may be speedily restored, and that the future interchange of brotherly love and Masonic Civilities between us may be hereafter established without interruption.

Resolved, that the G^d Secretary be directed to open a Cor-

respondence with the different Grand Lodges of Ancient York Masons of Europe, so far as they are known to him.

J. RANDALL.

MICHAEL NISBET.

JAMES HARPER, jun^r.

Philad^a, 4 Dec., 1820.

Which report was adopted.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Gas Committee be instructed to enquire and report to this Grand Lodge.

1. The annual amount of the Cost of the materials used, workmen employed and other incidental expenses of the Gas establishment, when used by the Grand Lodge.

2nd. The Annual Amount of the same when employed for the whole building.

3rd. The sum necessary to refit the Gas establishment so as to make it fire proof.

4th. In case the Gas Establishment were abandoned, the value of its materials if they were sold to the best advantage for the benefit of the G^d. Lodge.

The following Communications, &c., from Lodges were presented and read, viz :

Lodge N^o. 3, held at Philadelphia. Expulsion of S——
H——, for unmasonic conduct and non-payment of dues.

Lodge N^o. 127, held at Philadelphia. Rejection of J——
M——, Plasterer.

Lodge N^o. 139, held at Philadelphia. Expulsion of T——
S——, L—— F. D——, D—— J. P—— and C——
M^aA——, for non-payment of dues.

Lodge N^o. 143, held at Chambersburg. Rejection of L——
M——, Blacksmith.

Lodge N^o. 155, held at Philadelphia. Rejection of J——
P—— and Suspension of J—— C——, T—— S——,
A—— C——, J—— F. C——, W—— D——, E—— M.
F——, J—— F—— and G—— H——.

Lodge N^o. 158, held at Philadelphia. Expulsion of C——
T——, for unmasonic conduct.

Lodge N^o. 174, held at Downingtown. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and report thereon.

A Petition was received and read from Charles Tisdall, appealing from the Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o. 158, which was referred to Brothers Mark Richards, Joseph Blame and William Page, to enquire and make report.

A Petition was received and read from Charles Tisdall, making complaint against Abel Mackentire, who is not at present a Member of any Lodge, which was referred to Brothers Mark Richards, Joseph Blame and William Page, to enquire and make report.

Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at half past 9 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Thursday, the 28th instant, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S DAY, Philadelphia, Wednesday, December 27, A. D. 1820, A. L. 5820.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Thomas Elliott, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ William McCorkle, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ Joseph Johns, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev. Bro. William Rodgers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Britton White, ju^r. Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

“ Stephen W. Smith, Grand Marshal, P. T.

“ John Nisbet, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 75, 81, 91, 103, 115, 121, 123, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 141, 152, 155, 157, 160, 165, 166, 167 and 172 represented.

Thirty Two Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

So much of the Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication as relates to the Election of Grand Officers was read, and thereupon the following Grand Officers elect were severally installed into their respective offices in ancient and solemn form, to wit :

Bro. Bayse Newcomb, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Thomas Elliott, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ James Harper, jun^r, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments, viz :

Bro. Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev^d. Bro. William Rodgers, } Grand Chaplains.
“ “ George Potts, }

Bro. Thomas Amies, } Grand Stewards.
“ William Wray, }

“ Isaac Levis, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ Benjamin Say, Grand Marshal.

“ Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Committee, Viz :

Bro. William McCorkle, }
“ Nathan R. Potts, } Committee of Correspondence.
“ Samuel Badger, }

“ William Page, }
“ Mark Richards, } Committee of Accounts.
“ Elhanan W. Keyser, }

“ George A. Baker, }
“ Stephen W. Smith, } Committee to examine the Bye
“ Nathan R. Potts, } Laws of the subordinate Lodges.

Bro. Thomas Kittera,	}	Committee to examine the transactions of the last year and select for publication.
“ Robert De Silver,		
“ Thomas S. Manning,		
“ James McAlpin,	}	Hall Committee.
“ Anthony Fannen,		
“ Britton White, junr.,		
“ Benjamin Say,		
“ Samuel Webb,		

The Grand Secretary re-appointed Brother Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary, which appointment was unanimously approved by the Grand Lodge.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be affectionately returned to the Hose and Engine Companies, and the Citizens who attended, for their Laborious and united exertions in extinguishing the fire which took place in the Gas House on Sunday Morning the 17th instant, in so effectually arresting the flames, that in the Gas House but little damage comparatively accrued.

The following Returns, &c., of Lodges were presented and read, viz :

Lodge N^o 2, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o 19, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o 51, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N^o 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of C—— W——, J—— W——, W—— P—— and J—— H——, for non-payment of dues.

Lodge N^o 59, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of R—— S. K—— and J—— P——.

Lodge N^o 61, held at Wilkesbarre. Election Return.

Lodge N^o 69, held at Chester, Delaware County. Election Return.

Lodge N^o 67, held at Philadelphia. A Copy of sundry alterations in the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws for examination.

Lodge N^o 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of S—— S. C——.

Lodge N^o 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of I—— H——, J—— L—— and P—— A. G——.

Lodge N^o 125, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of A. K——, J—— S—— and F. H——.

Lodge N^o 91, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N^o 126, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members.

Lodge N^o 127, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the suspension of T—— N——, C—— P——, N—— D——, W—— H——, B—— S. A——, W—— B. L——, J—— A—— and D—— E. S——.

Lodge N^o 128, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members.

Lodge N^o 131, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N^o 139, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the suspension of S—— B——, D—— F. L——, C—— M^eA——, D—— I. P——, T—— S—— and R—— W——.

Lodge N^o 152, held at Easton. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members.

It was stated on behalf of Lodge N^o 114, that in consequence of the indisposition of the W. Master elect, the Officers of said Lodge had not been installed into their offices, and requesting the Grand Lodge to grant them permission to install their Officers after to-day. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the request of Lodge N^o 114 be granted.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at One o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 23rd, A. D. 1820, A. L. 5820.
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly
Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

" Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" James Harper, jun^r, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" George Curry, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

" Samuel P. Wetherill, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.

" Randall Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

" Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev. Bro. William Rodgers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Isaac Levis, Grand Sword Bearer.

" Jacob Durff, Grand Marshal, P. T.

" Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.

" Richard Bache, R. W. Past Junior Grand Warden.

" William McCorkle, R. W. Past Junior Grand Warden.

" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 84, 91, 115, 121, 126,
127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139, 141, 152, 154, 155, 158, 160, 165,
172 and 123 represented.

Thirty One Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was
opened in Ample Form at half past 6 o'clock in the Evening.

Brother Archibald Hamilton, R. W. Senior Grand Warden
of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, was announced and received
with the customary honors.

The Grand Lodge took up for consideration the report of
the Committee on the resolution presented by Bro. Porter on
the 27th December, 1819, when after a full discussion the re-
port was adopted.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the follow-
ing Brethren a Committee for the purpose contained in the
first resolution of the above report, viz: Thomas Elliott,
Josiah Randall and James Harper, jun^r.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that Certificates be issued bearing an Interest of

Six per Cent. per Annum to such of the Creditors of the Grand Lodge for work or materials as are willing to receive the same for the Amount of their respective Debts, payable after the first day of January, 1840, the Interest thereon to commence from the day of the settlement of their respective Accounts.

The followings Returns, &c., were presented and read, viz :
Lodge N^o. 43, held at Lancaster. Election Return.

Lodge N^o. 160, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N^o. 162, held at New London Cross roads. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of B—— H. G——, for gross unmasonic conduct.

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred sundry alterations in the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 3, made report which was read and is as follows, to wit :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for examination sundry Amendments to the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 3, held at Philadelphia,
Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same and recommend that they be adopted, with the exception of the alteration in Article 2nd, and that the following addition be made to said Article : "*or been excused from the payment thereof by the Lodge.*" Respectfully submitted.

(Sign'd)

GEORGE A. BAKER,
STEPHEN W. SMITH, } Committee.
T. S. MANNING,

Philadelphia,

November 10, 1820.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 59, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for examination the Bye Laws of " Washington Lodge, N^o. 59," held at Philadelphia,

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same, and recommend the following alterations, viz :

Article 8th, in the "*third*" line of this Article strike out "*one*" and insert "*two*," and in the "*tenth*" line strike out "*two*" and insert "*three*."

Article 9th, in the "*fourth*" line of this article strike out "*one*" and insert "*two*," and in the "*sixth*" line strike out "*two*" and insert "*three*."

And that they be adopted.

(Sign'd)	GEORGE A. BAKER,	} Com. on Bye Laws.
	T. S. MANNING,	
	STEPHEN W. SMITH,	

Novem^r. 10th, 1820.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 172, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for examination the Bye Laws of Mount Lebanon Lodge, N^o. 172, held at Lebanon,

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same, and recommend their adoption with the following alterations and Amendments, viz :

In Article 3rd, line 4th, strike out "*lot*" and insert "*the casting Vote of the Master*."

In Article 5th, line 2nd, after the word "*Committee*" insert "*of three Master Masons*."

In Article 9th, line 5th strike out "*the same*" and insert "*a regular warranted Lodge*."

Respectfully submitted,

(Sign'd)	GEORGE A. BAKER,	} Committee.
	STEPHEN W. SMITH,	
	T. S. MANNING,	

Philadelphia,

Novem^r. 10, 1820.

Which report was adopted.

Bro. James Harper, jun^r stated that Lodge N^o 114, laboured under great inconvenience in consequence of the W. Master elect not having been installed, and that he was still confined to his room by indisposition. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that Bro. James Harper, jun^r be Authorized to take a sufficient Number of Past Masters to the residence of the W. Master elect of Lodge N^o 114, and install him into his Office.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday, the Fifth day of February next, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 5th, A. D. 1821, A. L. 5821.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

" Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" James Harper, jun^r R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" James M^cAlpin, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

" Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

" Emmor T. Weaver, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

" Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev^d Bro. William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. John M^cCartney, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

" Jacob Durff, Grand Marshal, P. T.

" Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.

" William M^cCorkle, R. W. P. Junior Grand Warden.

" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 67, 71, 72, 81, 91, 114, 115, 121, 123,
128, 127, 128, 130, 131, 139, 141, 152, 154, 155, 158, 165
and 172 represented.

Thirty Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Secretary presented his Account with the Grand Lodge for the last Year, which was referred to the Committee of Accounts to examine and report thereon.

The Grand Secretary presented his Account with the Grand Lodge for the last Year for the payment of Interest on the Masonic Loans, which was referred to the Committee of Accounts to examine and report thereon.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Account with the Grand Lodge for the last Year, which was referred to the Committee of Accounts to examine.

A report and Account from the Trustees of the Masonic Loans were presented and read and ordered to be entered on the Minutes, and are as follows, viz :

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Masonic Loans held at the New Hall in Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, on Monday the first January, 1821, at 7 o'clock in the Evening,

A Certificate (or Return) of an Election held this Morning for the purpose of electing from among the Stockholders, Six Persons to serve in conjunction with the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, as Trustees of said Loans for One Year from this day and until a New Board shall be elected on the first Monday in January, 1822, was read, whereby it appears that Edward Burd, Thomas M^cEuen, Stephen Girard, Thomas F. Leaming, Thomas Hale and James M^cAlpin were duly elected.

The Board proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, when

Edward Burd, Esquire, was elected President,

George A. Baker, Secretary, and

Thomas M^cEuen, Esquire, Treasurer.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that a Copy of the Account of the Board of Trustees laid before the Stockholders this Morning at their Annual Meeting be transmitted to the Grand Lodge for their information.

Extract from the Minutes.

GEORGE A. BAKER, Secretary.

Dr. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in Account with the Trustees of the Masonic Loans.		Cr.
1820.	1819.	
March	Decr.	
2. To Cash paid for 5 Shares of Masonic Loan.	81. By the Old Account for balance remaining in the hands of the Treasurer of the Board.	\$8.37
10. To ditto " " 2 ditto " " ditto. 200.		
	1820.	
	Jan'y.	
	12. By Cash receiv'd 6 Months Interest on 180 Shares of Masonic Loan, due 1 st instant, 390.	
	13. By ditto " 6 Months dividend on 40 Shares of Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank Stock, due 1 st instant	80.
	March 10. By ditto " of Joseph St. Lewis, Grand Treasurer on Order of the Grand Master. 221.63	
		<u>\$700.</u>
		<u><u>\$700.</u></u>
	July	
	7. By cash rec'd 6 Months Interest on 137 Shares of Masonic Loan, due 1 st instant. \$411.	
	Aug.	
	5. By ditto " 6 Months Interest on 40 Shares of Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank Stock.	60.
	Decr.	
	31. By Balance due the Treasurer of the Board for Amount advanced by him	29.
		<u>\$500.</u>
		<u><u>\$500.</u></u>
	August 25. To Cash paid for 5 Shares of Masonic Loan.	\$500.
	Decemr. 31. To the New Account for balance	\$29.

The Sinking Fund now consists of the following Stock, viz :
142 Shares of Masonic Loan with Interest thereon from 1st July, 1820.

40 Shares of Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank Stock with Interest thereon from 1st July, 1820.

Philadelphia, January 1st, 1821.

Errors and Omissions Excepted.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

The above is submitted Secretary to the Board of
for the information of Trustees.
the Stockholders of the
Masonic Loans.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 9, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for examination the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 9, held at Philadelphia, Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same, and recommend the following alterations, viz :

In section 1st, line second, strike out "*and inferior Officers.*"

In section 2nd, strike out all that follows after the word "*place*" in the 7th line.

In section 8th, line 8th, after the Word "*Committee,*" insert "*of three Master Masons.*"

In section 9th, strike out all that follows after the word "*Chair*" in the 13th line.

Section 11th, Strike out the whole of this Section, and that they be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. BAKER,
STEPHEN W. SMITH, } Committee.
T. S. MANNING,

Philadelphia,

November 10, 1820.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 71, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for examination the Bye Laws of Orange Lodge, N^o. 71, held at Philadelphia,

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same, and recommend their adoption.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
STEPHEN W. SMITH, } Committee.
T. S. MANNING,

Philadelphia,

10 Novem^r. 1820.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 81, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred for examination the Bye Laws of Hiram Lodge, N^o. 81, held at Germantown,

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same, and recommend their adoption with the following Amendment, viz :

After the word "*admitted*" in the 10th line of Section 8th. insert, "upon motion being regularly made, seconded and carried for such admission."

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. BAKER,
STEPHEN W. SMITH, } Committee.
T. S. MANNING,

Philadelphia,

November 10, 1820.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 102, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred for ex-

amination the Bye Laws of Jerusalem Lodge, N^o. 102, held at Frankford,

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same, and recommend their adoption.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
STEPHEN W. SMITH, } Committee.
T. S. MANNING,

Philadelphia,

December 15, 1820.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 123, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for examination the Bye Laws of St John's Lodge N^o. 123, held in the Borough of York,

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same and recommend their adoption with the following alterations, viz :

To Article 7th add "*on motion being regularly seconded and carried for such admission.*"

To Article 9th add "the offending Brother or Brethren being first furnished with a Copy of the report of the Committee and a Citation regularly served on him or them to appear at the next Stated Meeting of the Lodge to shew cause why the report of the Committee should not be adopted and he or they dealt with accordingly."

Article 10th Strike out the whole of this Article.

Respectfully Submitted,

GEORGE A. BAKER,
STEPHEN W. SMITH, } Committee.
T. S. MANNING.

Philadelphia,

November 10, 1820.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of N^o. 169, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for examination the Bye Laws of Eastern Star Lodge, N^o. 169, held in the Borough of Columbia, Lancaster County,

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same and recommend that they be adopted with the following alterations and Amendments, viz :

To Article 7th add "the offending Brother or Brethren "being first furnished with a Copy of the Report of the Committee and a Citation regularly served on him or them to "appear at the next Stated Meeting of the Lodge to shew "cause why the report of the Committee should not be adopted "and he or they dealt with accordingly."

In Article 8th after the word "*Committee*" in the 14th line, insert "*of three Master Masons.*"

Article 18th Strike out the whole of the 7th Section.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. BAKER, }
STEPHEN W. SMITH, } Committee.
T. S. MANNING.

Philadelphia,

10 Nov., 1820.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 174, which was read and is as follows, viz :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for Examination the Bye Laws of Downingtown Lodge, N^o. 174,

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same and recommend their adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. BAKER, }
STEPHEN W. SMITH, } Committee.
NATH^l. R. POTTS,

Philadelphia,

February 1, 1821.

Which report was adopted.

A Petition was received and read from J—— B——, stating that he had some time since applied to Lodge N^o 172, for initiation into the Mysteries of Free Masonry and was rejected, that his Character was irreproachable, and prayed to be reinstated to the same privileges he enjoyed previous to his application. On Motion, said Petition was referred to the W. Master, Senior and Junior Warden of Lodge N^o 21, held at Harrisburg, to enquire and make report.

An Extract from the Minutes of Mount Lebanon Lodge, N^o 172, was received and read and is as follows, to wit :

Whereas, Joseph Hartman, an applicant for initiation into the Mysteries of Free Masonry was some time since rejected in this Lodge, and, Whereas, the Brethren who rejected the said Applicant are now satisfied with his Character, Therefore, Resolved, that Application be made to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge for permission to restore the said Joseph Hartman to the situation he was in previous to his rejection.

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that Joseph Hartman be restored to the situation he was in, previous to his application to Lodge N^o 172 for initiation into the Mysteries of Free Masonry.

A Communication was received from Lodge N^o 64, containing the expulsion of R—— S——, alias N—— R—— S——, for unmasonic conduct, and desiring to know the sentiments of the Grand Lodge, whether his expulsion should be published or not in the public papers. Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to inform Lodge N^o 64, that there is nothing in the regulations of the Grand Lodge to prevent subordinate Lodges from publishing the Name of their expelled Members.

The following returns, &c., of Lodges were presented and read, viz :

Lodge N^o 3, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 45, held at Pittsburgh. Election Return.

Lodge N^o 50, held at West Chester. Election Return.

Lodge N^o 51, held at Philadelphia. Account of Grand Lodge

dues. Return of Members, containing the suspension of W—— B——, E—— D——, J—— H——, T—— S—— and J—— W——, for 12 Months from the 21 November, 1820.

Lodge N^o 52, held at Philadelphia. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and report thereon.

Lodge N^o 62, held at Reading. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the rejection of H—— D——.

Lodge N^o 64, held at Greensburgh. Election Return.

Lodge N^o 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members.

Lodge N^o 71, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the expulsion of A—— T——, for unmasonic conduct.

Lodge N^o 73, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 75, held in Charlestown Township, Ches. Co. Election Return. Account of Dues of December, 1819.

Lodge N^o 81, held at Germantown. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 91, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 100, held at Bloomsbury. Communication of the expulsion of W—— R——, for unmasonic conduct.

Lodge N^o 106, held at Williamsport, Lycoming County. Election Return. Also, Communication of the expulsion of Doc. T—— W——, for unmasonic conduct.

Lodge N^o 114, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 115, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Grand Lodge dues. Return of Members, Containing the expulsion of J—— H. B——, J—— C—— and S—— L——.

Lodge N^o 121, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 123, held at York Town. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 130, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 131, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 135, held at Roxborough. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 132, held at West Nantmeal Township, Chest. Co. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 141, Halifax. Election Return. Account of Grand Lodge dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of D—— B—— and I—— B——.

Lodge N^o. 151, held at Allentown. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 158, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 164, held at Washington, Penn^a. Communication of the rejection of W—— S——.

Lodge N^o. 172, held at Lebanon. Election Return.

The R. W. Senior Grand Warden stated that he conceived it his duty to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to a very alarming attack upon the principles of Masonry from a highly respectable body. He then read from the Pittsburgh Mercury, a Report of a Committee appointed by the Presbyterian Synod of Pittsburg, to consider the inquiry respecting Free Masonry. Whereupon, the following Motion was presented and laid on the Table.

Resolved, that the Report of the Synod of Pittsburgh be referred to a Committee to take the same into consideration and make report thereon to this Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday the 19th instant, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 19th, A. D. 1821, A. L. 5821.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Thomas Elliott, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ James Harper, jun^r, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Robert Toland, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.

“ Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev^d. Bro. William Rodgers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. John D. Ferguson, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ Samuel Black, Grand Marshal.

“ Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William McCorkle, R. W. P. Junior Grand Warden.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 78, 75, 84, 91, 103, 114, 115, 121, 123, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139, 141, 147, 152, 154, 155, 157, 158, 160, 161, 165, 166, 167 and 172 represented.

Forty Two Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the resolution relative to the report of the Synod of Pittsburg.

On Motion, said report was read together with a protest from the Lodges held at Pittsburgh, and an Answer thereto from a Member of the Synod.

The following Resolution was offered and ordered to be laid on the table :

Resolved, that the further Consideration of the Resolution now before the Grand Lodge be postponed until the 1st Monday in June next.

Brother Dahlgreen read and laid on the Table the following preamble and resolutions :

Whereas, the Subordinate Lodge or individual Mason who undertakes to answer a public charge against the fraternity in general, assumes a right which belongs to the Grand Lodge, and whereas much injury may be inflicted on Freemasonry by the injudicious and indiscreet exercise of that right,

Resolved, that the subordinate Lodges be requested, whenever in future any publication shall appear affecting the Character or interest of the order in General, or this Grand Lodge in particular, not to publish any thing in answer thereto without the approbation of this Grand Lodge, but to transmit it without loss of time to the Grand Secretary, to be laid before the Grand Lodge, who will then take such measures as in their opinion the occasion may require.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be requested to transmit a Copy of this Resolution and preamble to the W. M. of each of the subordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be requested in addressing the W. Lodges at Pittsburg, to tender to them the thanks of this Grand Lodge for their able and zealous reply to the late publication of the Presbytery, at the same time affectionately inviting their attention to the foregoing resolution, which late occurrences have rendered necessary for the Grand Lodge to adopt.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, to meet again on Monday the 26th instant, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 26, A. D. 1821, A. L. 5821.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Thomas Elliott, R. W. D. Grand Master.

Bro. Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ James Harper, jun^r, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ James McAlpin, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev^d. Bro. W^m. Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Isaac Levis, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ James W. Murray, Grand Marshal, P. T.

“ Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William McCorkle, R. W. P. Junior Grand Warden.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 73, 84, 91, 114, 115, 121,
123, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 181, 134, 139, 141, 147, 152, 154, 155, 158,
165 and 172 represented.

Thirty Five Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock, P. M.

A Letter was received and read from Bro. Jonathan H. Walker, of Pittsburg, appealing on behalf of W—— P—— from a Vote of rejection against him by Lodge N^o 45, which was referred to Brothers Josiah Randall, James Harper, jun^r, and George A. Baker, to inquire and make report.

Return to Dispensation to constitute Lodge N^o 176, held in the Town of Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland County, was received and read, whereby it appeared that said Lodge was duly Constituted on the 11th day of January last.

The resolution to postpone the further consideration of the resolution relative to the report of the Synod of Pittsburg was taken up for consideration.

On the question being taken, shall the resolution be passed?

It was decided in the Negative.

The Original resolution then being before the Grand Lodge,

On the question being taken, shall this resolution be passed?

It was decided in the Negative.

Brother Dahlgreen asked leave to withdraw the resolutions which he laid on the Table on the 19th instant, which was granted.

Brother Keyser read and laid on the Table the following Resolution :

Resolved, that hereafter no Visitor shall be admitted except on the regular Stated Nights of Meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half past 10 o'clock,
P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 5, A. D. 1821, A. L. 5821.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, In Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

BRO. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Thomas Elliott, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ James Harper, jun^r, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ Andrew Hooton, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ Robert Toland, Grand Marshal.

“ Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 72, 75, 81, 91, 108, 114, 115, 121, 123, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 139, 141, 154, 155, 157, 158, 160, 161, 166, 165, 167, 172 and 84 represented.

Thirty Seven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication and of the Meetings held since, were read and approved.

A report was presented by the Gas Committee and read, and is as follows, to wit :

The Gas Committee who were instructed by resolutions of

the Grand Lodge of 18 Decem. last to enquire and report thereon, beg leave to state, that they proceeded immediately to make the necessary experiments and enquiries to come to a correct result, and in answer to the first resolution asking "the annual amount of the Cost of the Materials used, Workmen employed and other incidental expenses of the Gas establishment when used by the Grand Lodge alone," They are of opinion the annual Amount will be \$741.50, calculated to make and consume 1200 Cubic feet of Gas p^r Week, or 62400 feet p^r Ann^m.

The second resolution enquires, "the annual amount of the same, when employed for the use of the whole building," which the Committee believe will be \$865, and that the quantity of Gas made and consumed will be 2200 feet p^r Week for 6 Months, and 1200 feet p^r Week for the other half of the year, equal to 88400 Cubic feet p^r Ann^m. The advantage in favour of the 2nd resolution it will be perceived is equal to 17 p^r Cent.

The foregoing calculations are made with the use of two Gasometers only, but should the original plan be carried into effect, of using four Gasometers, the materials for which are all prepared and paid for and part of the work completed, the expense of Gas p^r Cubic foot, would be much diminished because it will be necessary to make the Gas less frequently, which will produce a saving of labour and also a considerable saving of fuel, for experience has pointed out that to make the first Barrel of Tar more time and fuel are consumed than to make the second. The time to get the retorts to a proper heat for use and to make the first Barrel of Tar is generally about six hours, after which a Barrel of Tar can be made into Gas in $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours, and altho' it requires 15 Bushels of Coal for the first Barrel of Tar, the second and subsequent ones require only eight Bushels each. The same course of reasoning will apply to a continued Manufacture of the Article and disposing of it for use out of the Building, which if properly managed would be a source of very handsome revenue; but confining themselves to our own Building, the Committee believe that with four gasometers the annual expenses if used only by

the Lodges would be per Annum \$648, And if the other parts of the Building were included the Annual Cost would be \$774.

The third resolution directs an enquiry into the sum necessary to refit the Gas establishment so as to make it fire proof. This sum the Committee believe will be about fifteen hundred and eighty eight dollars, including the finishing and hanging the additional Gasometers.

“What the Materials would sell for if the plan was abandoned,” as enquired by the fourth resolution, it is difficult to say, the most of them being of a nature generally useless as no similar establishment exists here, but in no event do the Committee think more than one thousand Dollars can be counted upon.

The want of experience and of experienced hands added to the imperfect state of the Works owing to the late fire, and also, the uncommonly cold Weather, has rendered the making of Gas more expensive than it is believed it would be by a proper regulation, but the calculations have been formed with all these disadvantages.

Before closing their report the Committee believe it to be in the line of their duty to state than an offer has been made by Mr. Thomas S. Symmons, who has had much experience in this business, to rent the Gas house, for which he will pay Six Hundred Dollars per Annum, provided the Grand Lodge will take the Gas from him at One Cent and a half per foot, for which price he will furnish a full supply, keep all the Pipes and Chandaliers in order, and superintend the whole establishment at his own Cost. The Grand Lodge to give him a Lease of One Year with an option of extending it to ten Years if he judges proper, and the Gas house to be put in repair with four Gasometers.

Feb^y. 19, 1821.

By order of the Committee.

JOSEPH S. LEWIS, Chairman.

JAMES HARPER, jun^r.

BENJAMIN SAY.

Which report was on Motion laid on the table.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to enquire and report upon the expediency of Leasing the gas Manufactory, and if in their opinion that measure be proper, to report to the Grand Lodge the most advantageous terms upon which it can be effected.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following Brethren a Committee for the above purpose, viz : Thomas Elliott, George E. Blake, T. B. Freeman, George H. Burgin and Bernard Dahlgreen.

The Committee to whom was referred the Letter of Brother Walker read in Grand Lodge on the 26th Ultimo, made report which was read and is as follows, to wit :

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania :

The Com^t to whom the Letter of the Hble. John Walker, Esquire, was referred, appealing from the rejection of W—— P——, a Candidate for Initiation by Lodge N^o. 45, report,

That they have duly considered the Case and are of opinion that the Grand Lodge ought to take no definitive order in the Case, until notice has been given to Lodge N^o. 45 of the Appeal, an opportunity afforded them to state the grounds, (if any,) upon which the candidate has been rejected, and a due enquiry into the Character of the Applicant in order that it may be ascertained whether he is a fit person to be initiated into the Mysteries of Masonry. Your Committee believe that these objects may be attained with the more facility by persons residing in the City of Pittsburg or its Vicinity, than by themselves ; they therefore offer the following Resolution :

Resolved, that they be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that a Committee be appointed of the Members of this Grand Lodge, residing in Pittsburg or its vicinity, to enquire into the Circumstances of the case of W—— P——, and make report thereon to this Grand Lodge.

Philad^a. 5 March, 1821.

J. RANDALL,	} Committee.
JAMES HARPER, Jun ^r .	
GEORGE A. BAKER,	

Which report and resolution were adopted.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed the following Brethren a Committee for the purpose contained in the foregoing resolution, viz: Magnus M. Murray, William McCandless and Christian C. Febiger.

The Committee appointed on the Appeal of C—— T——, from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o 158, made report which was read, and on motion, said report was recommitted to the Committee with instructions to make further inquiry.

The Committee appointed on the Complaint of Charles Tisdall against Abel Mackentire made report, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee appointed December 4, 1820, to whom was referred a Complaint made by Charles Tisdall against Abel Mackentire, Very Respectfully

Report,

That the parties in question had a full hearing before your Committee, but no proof appearing for the charge aforesaid, the following resolution is submitted to the Grand Lodge for adoption:

Resolved, that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

MARK RICHARDS,	} Committee.
JOSEPH BLAME,	
WILLIAM PAGE,	

Phila., Feb^y 23, 1821.

Which report was adopted.

A Letter was received and read from Lodge N^o 60, relative to the case of William Sample, from whom they had received a Petition for initiation, after he had been rejected by Lodge N^o 164, stating that the Committee appointed by Lodge N^o 164, on the Petition of William Sample made an unfavourable report, but that no ballot was taken thereon, that therefore Lodge N^o 60 conceived that a Vote of rejection had not been regularly taken, and accordingly received a Petition for Initiation from him and unanimously accepted him, but that

they have thought it advisable to give this statement of facts previous to the initiation of the candidate that there might be no appearance of blame attached to their proceedings.

On Motion, the Grand Secretary was directed to answer said Letter, and inform Lodge N^o 60 *that an unfavourable report is equivalent to a rejection regularly taken by ballot*, that their proceedings have been irregular, and to instruct them in the course proper to be pursued, if they wish the rejection of M^r. Sample to be inquired into by the Grand Lodge.

The Resolution relative to Visitors laid on the Table on the 26th Ultimo, was called up for consideration.

On Motion, the resolution was amended by adding after the word Visitor, "*residing within Nine Miles of the City of Philadelphia.*"

The resolution as amended was then adopted and is as follows, to wit :

Resolved, that hereafter no Visitor residing within Nine Miles of the City of Philadelphia shall be admitted except on the regular stated Nights of Meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The following resolution was offered and laid on the Table by Bro. Dahlgreen :

Resolved, that a Committee of Five be appointed to consider and report what measures, if any, be necessary to restrict admissions to, or extend expulsions from our order, or generally to preserve the respectability of Free Masonry.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday the 2nd April next, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER.

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 2nd, A. D. 1821, A. L. 5821.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

" Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

Bro. James Harper, jun^r. R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

" Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

" Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

" Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.

" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 72, 84, 91, 114, 115, 123, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139, 141, 154, 155, 158, 160, 165 and 172 represented.

Thirty One Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The following Communications and returns, &c., from subordinate Lodges were received and read :

Lodge N^o 9, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the suspension of A—— M——, W—— T——, M—— C——, J—— B——, F—— L——, J—— B——, A—— S——, G—— F—— and A—— W——, for non payment of dues.

Lodge N^o 43, held at Lancaster. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o 50, held at West Chester. Return of Members and Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o 59, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the suspension of D—— M^cC——, M. S. S——, J—— T——, P—— C——, T—— W. C——, W—— P——, C—— R——, for Non Payment of dues, and the reinstatement of W—— B——.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge N^o 60, held at Brownsville, Fayette County, dated March 20th, relative to the Case of William Sample, who was initiated in said Lodge on the 5th March last, after he had been rejected by Lodge N^o 164, held in the Town of Washington, which was referred to the W. Masters of Lodges N^o 45, 113 and 165, to inquire and make report.

On Motion, Resolved, that the Grand Secretary write to Lodge N^o 60; and direct them to proceed no further in the Case of William Sample until after the decision of the Grand Lodge.

Lodge N^o 61, held at Wilkesbarre. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o 81, held at Germantown. Communication of the suspension of P—— M——, A—— M^cM——, E—— T—— and S—— M——, for non payment of dues.

Lodge N^o 91, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the suspension for non payment of dues of W—— S——, S—— S——, J—— L. T——, A—— F——, J. H——. J——S ——, I—— W——, J—— B. S——, C. F. L——, B—— W——, T—— H. H—— and R—— B——.

Lodge N^o 122, held at New Orleans. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

A Letter dated New Orleans, Feb^y. 16, 1821, from Bro. Maunsel White, late W. Master of Lodge N^o 122, stating that the Lodge, after having been obliged to remain in inactivity for a considerable time owing to unavoidable Causes, had at length resumed her labours; that therewith he transmitted a return of the Members up to the 24 June, 1820, also, a return of the whole of the dues of the Grand Lodge up to the same period amounting to \$72.03, which with a donation of One hundred dollars made to the Grand Lodge to aid in erecting their New Temple, and which Harmony Lodge prayed the Grand Lodge to accept as a tribute of respect and affection.

A Letter dated New Orleans, 22 February, 1821, from Bro. John Wilie, Sec^y. of Lodge N^o 122, Stating that he therewith forwarded the Return of Members and Account of dues to S^t John Day last, and Eighteen Dollars and 27 Cts., the Amount of dues.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be affectionately tendered to Harmony Lodge, N^o 122, held at New Orleans, for their liberal donation towards rebuilding the Masonic Hall.

Lodge N^o 127, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the suspension of W—— F. M^cMahon, F—— S——, S—— M^cD——, W—— R——, A—— E——, J—— T. D——, for non payment of dues, and R—— H. B——, for embezzling the funds of the Lodge.

Lodge N^o 135, held at Roxborough. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge were presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws for examination.

Lodge N^o 142, held at Sadsbury, Chester County. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o 144, held at Milton, Northumberland Co. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o 147, held at Bethany, Wayne County. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the reinstatement of David Arnold.

Lodge N^o 152, held at Easton. An Extract from the Minutes of Lodge N^o 152, was received and read, containing sundry amendments to the Bye Laws of said Lodge. Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the amendments to the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 152 be approved of.

Lodge N^o 165, held at Pittsburgh. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o 171, held at Pottstown, Montgomery County. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues. Also, a Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and report thereon.

Lodge N^o 172, held at Lebanon. Return of Members, containing the suspension of T—— D. M——, for unmasonic conduct. A Letter dated Millerstown, March 14, 1821, from John Mason, W. Master of Lodge N^o 172, stating among other things that the charges against Thomas D. Martin had been sent on without his knowledge. Whereupon, the Grand Secretary was directed to write to Lodge N^o 172, to ascertain whether the said Martin was expelled or not.

The Committee appointed on the Appeal of Charles Tisdall from a Vote of Expulsion passed against him by N^o 158, made report which was read and is as follows, to wit:

To the Right W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee appointed on the 10th of November, 1820, to whom the Appeal of Charles Tisdall from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o 158, was referred, very respectfully report,

That the party complaining, as well as the officers of the Lodge were heard. Upon a full investigation of the subject, it appears the Lodge were entirely influenced by a charge against Tisdall of Abel M^cIntire, in whose employ he had been for a period of about two years. On a final settlement of their Account the difference originated and became a subject of Law suits and other disputes. The Law suit is still undecided. Their transactions were not, from all the opportunities the Committee had to ascertain, by any means conducted with that proper regularity necessary in a business of the kind. During the time Tisdall was in the employ of Mackentire, he had on several occasions sent goods to different Auctioneers to be sold in his own name, and for the use of his employer. It appears that it was the wish of the employer that his own Name should not be used on these occasions. It also appeared in evidence to your Committee, that Tisdall was so much in the confidence of his employer so as to be directed at least on one occasion to accept a draft drawn on M^cIntire by writing his name for him.

The Committee on the part of Lodge N^o 158, were influenced as your Committee believe by the decision of other persons, and not by direct evidence of fraud. The charges of fraud alledged to have been committed by Tisdall were not supported by testimony sufficiently strong to justify a conviction, It being altogether circumstantial and the whole business being of a trifling Character.

Your Committee have after as full an investigation of the subject as the nature of the case will permit, come to the conclusion to offer to the consideration of the Grand Lodge the following resolution for their adoption :

Resolved, That the Vote of expelling Charles Tisdall passed by Lodge N^o 158, was not justified by evidence sufficient, and that Charles Tisdall be therefore reinstated to his Membership.

Philad^a. Feb. 23, 1821.

MARK RICHARDS,	} Committee.
JOSEPH BLAME,	
WILLIAM PAGE,	

Masonic Hall, March 8, 1821.

The Committee having met again this day and have gone into further examination of the premisses, Bro. Starr having been examined, and as testimony has been produced to alter the views of your Committee, they therefore very respectfully recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of the resolution submitted in the foregoing report.

MARK RICHARDS,
JOSEPH BLAME,
WILLIAM PAGE, } Committee.

Which report and resolution were adopted.

The Committee appointed to rent such parts of the New Hall as are not required for Masonic purposes made report, which was read and ordered to be entered on the Minutes, and is as follows :

The Committee appointed on the First day of November, 1819, to lease the Rooms in the Masonic Hall, have the honor to report,

That they have in pursuance of the Authority Vested in them entered into a Lease of five years with Victor Guillou, for the large room on the lower floor and the Banquetting room to the North of the same, with the two lower front rooms on the East side of the front Entry, including the room over it, and also, one of the Kitchens, for the sum of Seventeen hundred Dollars per Ann., the rent from 20 Dec., 1819, to 6 Novem^r. 1820, at the rate of 400 D. $\frac{2}{3}$ Ann., and from 6 Novem^r. at the aforementioned rent of \$1700.

They have also leased to the Medical Society of Philadelphia for the sum of Three hundred Dollars per Ann. for 10 years, the lower room of the North Building on the West side, including a small room on the North front over the same.

Report accepted,

JOSEPH S. LEWIS.

The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Lodges N^o. 159 and 100, praying for the reinstatement of T—— W. B——, who was some time since expelled by Lodge N^o. 67, made report which was read and is as follows :

Philadelphia, February, 1821.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee to whom was referred the Letter of T—— W. B——, as well as the Memorial of Lodge N^o 159 and 100, praying that T—— W. B—— may be restored to the rights and privileges of Masonry,
Beg leave to report,

That the Committee met at the Masonic Hall on the 30th of December last, as well as the report of the Committee of the Grand Lodge which was adopted on the 20th day of October, 1817, on the Appeal of T—— W. B—— from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o 67, were read. As that report contained the substance of the charges on which he was expelled, the Committee at the same time that they informed him of their appointment, furnished him with an extract from that part of the report, and fixed on the 20th January last for a second Meeting of the Committee at the Masonic Hall, when and where they would be prepared to receive any communications he might think proper to make.

The Letter of T—— W. B—— intimates a desire that the investigation of the subject might be fixed at a place more convenient to him than this City, as want of funds would prevent his attending here. But as the offences for which he was expelled were committed here, it is believed it would be unjust to take Lodge N^o 67 to a distance to justify its proceedings in the case. In order however to obviate this difficulty as far as possible, the Committee offered to take any reasonable pains to procure evidence in his favour, provided he would inform them where such evidence was to be found.

To this Communication no reply has been received, and the Committee infer he has none to offer.

They therefore offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to furnish Lodges N^o 100 and 159 each with a Copy of this report, and also, with an extract from that part of the former report of the Committee of the Grand Lodge adopted on the 20th day of October, 1817, commencing at the words in

the second page marked A, upon a strict examination, and ending with the words such appear to be the facts in the sixth page marked B, being the substance of the charges against T. W. B——, on which he was expelled from Lodge N^o. 67.

Resolved, that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

(Sign'd)

JAMES HARPER, jun^r.

J. McALPIN.

C. MASON.

Which report and resolutions were adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Committee on the Complaint of Brother Daniel Le Fevre against Brother Joseph Le Fevre and against Lodge N^o. 104, to prepare resolutions agreeably to the facts stated in said report, made report which was read and is as follows, to wit:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee appointed to report a resolution in the Case of the Petition of Brother Daniel Le Fevre, from the facts ascertained by the Committee to whom that Petition was referred, respectfully report,

That after carefully weighing the evidence and conclusions reported by the Committee, they are of opinion that no censure ought to attach to Lodge N^o. 104 as a body, they having been actuated by a laudable desire to reconcile the differences between brothers Joseph and Daniel Lefevre, and that whatever censure may rest upon those Brethren or their friends in these unfortunate and obstinate disputes, the charges are not sufficiently supported on either side to authorize the interposition of the Grand Lodge.

It appears from the report of the Committee that the differences between brothers Joseph and Daniel Lefevre are of long standing, and that the law suits complained of by the former were in existence from One to three years and even longer, before he demanded the interference of his Lodge; and that most of them were in existence before Daniel Lefevre became a Mason. Under these circumstances your Committee are of Opinion it would be most equitable and most prudent to ab-

stain from interfering with them. It would be highly mischievous if when a trial might be expected in a Court of Law, either party could obtain a masonic injunction on the other and add to the delay usual in proceedings at Law by a protracted and tedious investigation before a Committee of Masons.

Your Committee therefore respectfully recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, that Brother Daniel Lefevre have leave to withdraw his Petition, and that Lodge N^o 104 be requested to settle the differences existing between brothers Joseph and Daniel Lefevre if it can be done Amicably, but that it be recommended to the Lodge to refrain from interposing in the subject of the Law suits that were pending a long time before such interference was requested, unless that interposition be desired by both parties.

Respectfully Submitted by

ANTH^y. FANNEN, }
I. W. MURRAY, } Committee.

Philad^a. April 2nd.

1821, A. L. 5821.

Which report and resolution were adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 52, which was read and is as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for examination the Bye Laws of Harmony Lodge, N^o 52, held at Philadelphia,

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same, and recommend their adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. BAKER, }
STEPHEN W. SMITH, } Committee.
NATH. R. POTTS, }

Philadelphia,

March 27, 1821.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 67, held at Philadelphia, which was read and is as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred for examination sundry alterations in the Bye Laws of Concordia Lodge N^o 67, held at Philadelphia,
Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same, and recommend their adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. BAKER,
STEPHEN W. SMITH, } Committee.
NATHⁿ. R. POTTS,

Philadelphia,

1st February, 1821.

Which report was adopted.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be authorized to have an insurance effected on the furniture belonging to the Grand Lodge in such sum as he shall deem expedient.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of Leasing the Gas Establishment made report, which was read together with proposals from T. S. Symmons, and laid on the Table.

A Motion to adopt the report of the Committee was then made, and after some consideration ordered to be laid on the Table.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that Grand Lodge adjourn to meet on Wednesday next, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Grand Lodge adjourned at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Wednesday next, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 4, A. D. 1821, A. L. 5821.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, In Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

" Thomas Elliott, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

" Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" James Harper, jun^r, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Henry Y. Carter, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

" Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

" George H. Burgin, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

" James M. Linnard, Grand Marshal, P. T.

" Richard Mansfield, Grand Pursuivant.

" William M^cCorkle, R. W. P. J. G. Warden.

" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 59, 67, 72, 84, 91, 114, 121, 123, 125, 127, 128, 130, 131, 139, 141, 147, 158, 160, 165 and 172 represented.

Twenty Seven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Grand Lodge proceeded to consider the motion to adopt the report of the Committee on the expediency of Leasing the Gas Establishment, when after some considerable discussion the further consideration thereof was postponed for the purpose of introducing the following resolution offered by Bro. Gordon :

Resolved, that the report of the Committee appointed to receive proposals for the Leasing the Gas Establishment be referred back to the said Committee, and that they be instructed to report in detail the expense heretofore incurred by the Grand Lodge in lighting the Hall with Oil and Candles, the probable cost of lighting the Hall as at present distributed with Oil and Candles, embracing all parts thereof, the Cost of the Gas per foot, the waste of Gas if any, and the causes thereof; the means of remedy, the probable quantity of Gas that may be disposed of to strangers, and such other matter as they may deem important and connected with the Gas Establishment.

Which resolution was adopted.

On Motion, Resolved, that four Members be added to the Committee on Leasing the Gas Establishment.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed the following Brethren to be added to the above Committee: Thomas F. Gordon, Henry Y. Carter, James W. Murray and Samuel Wonderly.

Brother Dahlgreen declined serving any longer on the above Committee, and Bro. McCorkle was appointed in his place.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at half past 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday, the 23 instant, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 23, A. D. 1821, A. L. 5821.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

- " Josiah Randall, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, P. T.
- " James Harper, junr., R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " James McAlpin, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " Tristram B. Freeman, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
- " Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.
- " Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev^d Bro. William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Anthony Fannen, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

- " George M. Dallas, Grand Marshal, P. T.
- " George H. Burgin, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
- " William McCorkle, R. W. P. Junior Grand Warden.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 84, 91, 114, 116, 121, 123, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139, 141, 147, 152, 155, 158, 165 and 172 represented.

Thirty One Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The following returns, &c., from Lodges were presented, to wit :

Lodge N^o. 21, held at Harrisburg. Election Return.

Lodge N^o. 81, held at Germantown. Reinstatement of Peter Mason.

Lodge N^o. 75, held in Charlestown Township, Chester County. Account of Dues. Return of Members, Containing the expulsion of T—— S——.

Lodge N^o. 51, held at Philadelphia. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine.

Lodge N^o. 62, held at Reading. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine.

A Letter was received and read from Victor Guillou requesting a deduction of Three Hundred Dollars to be made from the rent of the Premises occupied by him for the last year in consequence of certain interruptions, &c., and also requesting that his rent might be reduced from \$1700 to \$1200 per Annum. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that Brother Guillou's Communication be referred to the Committee with whom he contracted, requiring them to report to Grand Lodge their opinion, with such information as may be useful to Grand Lodge in coming to a determination on the subject.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Committee on the expediency of Leasing the Gas Establishment, with instructions to report in detail, made report which was read and laid on the Table.

Brother M^cCorkle offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, that the first resolution attached to the report of the Committee be adopted.

Brother Dahlgreen made a Motion to postpone the further consideration of the report of the Committee for the purpose of introducing the following Resolution :

Resolved, that the Committee of four Members be appointed who together with the Grand Officers shall be authorized to enter into a contract with M^r. Symmons for the Leasing of the Gas Establishment.

Grand Lodge Adjourned at half past 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Thursday next, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 28, A. D. 1821, A. L. 5821.
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

BRO. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

- " Josiah Randall, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, P. T.
- " James Harper, jun^r, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " Thomas F. Gordon, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " Anthony Fannen, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
- " Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.
- " Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.
- " Thomas Wilson, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
- " Jacob Durff, Grand Marshal, P. T.
- " Samuel Webb, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
- " William McCorkle, R. W. P. Junior Grand Warden.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 84, 114, 121, 123, 126, 127, 128, 131, 134, 141, 152, 165, 186 and 172 represented.

Twenty Two Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

Grand Lodge proceeded to consider the motion to postpone the further consideration of the report of the Committee on the subject of the Gas Establishment, when on the question being taken, it was decided in the Affirmative.

Brother Dahlgreen asked leave to withdraw the resolution relative to the Appointment of a Committee to Lease the Gas Establishment, which was granted.

On Motion of Brother Gordon, the consideration of the report of the Committee on the subject of the Gas Establishment was indefinitely postponed.

On Motion of Brother Gordon, Seconded by Bro. Dahlgreen, Resolved, that a Committee of Two Members be appointed for the Superintendence of the Gas Establishment, who shall be empowered to engage a Superintendent to conduct said establishment for a term not exceeding Six Months, that the said Committee shall have the power to regulate the quantity of light consumed, to supply materials for the Manufactory, provided, nevertheless, that the said Committee shall not have at their disposition a sum exceeding Six hundred dollars, which was adopted.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Thomas F. Gordon and Bernard Dahlgreen a Committee for the purposes contained in the foregoing resolution.

On Motion of Bro. M^cCorkle, Seconded by Brother Freeman, Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to make application to the City Councils for permission to lay pipes along the Streets for the supply of such places as the Grand Lodge may hereafter contract to furnish with Gas. Which was adopted.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers William M^cCorkle, T. B. Freeman and George M. Dallas a Committee for the above purpose.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 4th, A. D. 1821, A. L. 5821.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

- Bro. Thomas Elliott, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" James Harper, jun^r, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Anthony Fannen, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
" Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev^d. Bro. William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. John Kenworthy, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

- " George Russell, Grand Marshall, P. T.
" Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.
" William McCorkle, R. W. P. Junior Grand Warden.
" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 82, 84, 91, 114, 115, 123, 126, 128, 130, 131, 134, 141, 154, 158, 165 and 172 represented.

Twenty Six Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at half past Seven o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication and of the Meetings held since were read and approved.

A Petition was received and read from divers Ancient York Master Masons, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge at the Delaware Academy, in Delaware Township, in the County of Pike, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to be called "Delaware Lodge," and that Brother Jacob Dickerson might be the first Worshipful Master; and Brother John Gustin, junior, Senior Warden, and Brother James Hooker, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was on Motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petition be granted, that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 177.

A Petition from divers ancient York Master Masons was received and read, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in

the Borough of Huntingdon, in the County of Huntingdon, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to be called "Mount Moriah," and that Brother William R. Smith might be named Worshipful Master; Brother Henry Shippen, Senior Warden, and Brother Christian Denlinger, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the resolutions of the Grand Lodge, it was on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petition be granted, that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 178.

The following Returns, &c., of Lodges were presented and read:

Lodge N^o 45, held at Pittsburg. Account of Dues for 1817, 1818, 1819 and 1820. Return of Members, containing the rejection of W—— A. N—— and W—— P——, and the suspension of H—— B——, T—— S——, P—— G——, G—— B——, W—— R. T——, B—— I. A——, S—— G——, S—— D—— and J—— H——, for non payment of dues.

Lodge N^o 67, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the reinstatement of J—— C. W——.

Lodge N^o 83, held at Damascus, Wayne County. Election Returns of 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819 and 1820. Account of Dues. Return of Members, Containing the expulsion of W—— R——, O—— T——, R—— W. C—— and J—— P——, for non payment of dues, and the rejection of E—— F——.

Lodge N^o 127, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the suspension of P—— S——, H—— S——, W—— C. C——, R—— V—— B—— and G—— L——, for non payment of initiation fees and dues. W—— S——, W—— A—— and P—— S——, for non payment of dues, and I—— G. H——, for embezzeling the funds of the Lodge.

Lodge N^o 134, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, Containing the expulsion of W—— H——, J—— H——, W—— L. T—— and A—— H. B——, for Non payment of dues.

Lodge N^o. 136, held at Abington. Election Return. Return of Members, Containing the expulsion of J—— H——. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o. 139, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the expulsion of C—— M^eA——, for gross unmasonic conduct, the rejection of J—— K—— and the suspension of H—— L——, J—— W——, G—— C. W—— and P—— R——, for non payment of dues.

Lodge N^o. 141, Halifax, Dauphin County. Communication of the rejection of S—— H——.

Lodge N^o. 146, held at Meadville, Crawford County. Election Return for 1818, 1819 and 1820. Account of Dues for 1818, 1819 and 1820. Return of Members for 1818, 1819 and 1820. A Letter from Bro. S—— B——, W. Master of said Lodge, was also read apologizing for the non payment of their dues, &c., and containing the expulsion of B—— M^eM——, for gross unmasonic conduct for swindling and fraud committed on the Brethren of the Lodge and absconding. Also, expulsion of W. B. I. Bills, since deceased.

Lodge N^o. 154, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o. 158, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the suspension of S—— N——, for non payment of dues.

Lodge N^o. 163, held at Towanda, Bradford County. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o. 168, held at Doylestown. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o. 174, held at Dowingtown. Election Return.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 51, which was read and is as follows:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for examination the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 51, held at Philadelphia. Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same, and recommend the following amendment:

After the word "appointed" in the 5th line of the 3rd

Article insert, "from which the recommenders shall be excluded."

And that they be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. BAKER, } Committee.
NATH^l. R. POTTS, }

Philadelphia,

June 2, 1821.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 62, which was read, amended, adopted as amended, and is as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for examination the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 62, held at Reading, Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same, and recommend the following alterations and amendments :

In the second paragraph of the tenth Article strike out, "*he has a majority of two thirds of the Votes,*" and insert "*the ballot be unanimous.*"

Strike out the whole of the second paragraph in the twelfth article.

In the 7th section of the rules of order strike out all that follow after the word "night."

And that they be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. BAKER, } Committee.
NATH^l. R. POTTS, }

Philadelphia,

June 2, 1821.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 135, which was read and is as follows :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penn^a :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for ex-

amination the Bye Laws of Roxborough Lodge, N^o. 135, held at Roxborough, Philadelphia County,
Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same, and recommend their adoption with the following amendments :

In the 8th line of the 4th Article after the word "*appointed*" insert, "*from which the recommenders shall be excluded,*" and in the last sentence of the same Article strike out, "*the Lodge shall then decide whether he shall be rejected or have leave to withdraw his petition,*" and insert in lieu thereof, "*he shall be returned to the Grand Lodge as rejected.*"

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. BAKER, }
NATHⁿ. R. POTTS, } Committee.

Philadelphia,

June 2, 1821.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 171, which was read and is as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for examination the Bye Laws of Lawrence Lodge, N^o. 171, held at Pottstown, Montgomery County,
Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same, and recommend their adoption with the following amendments :

In the 4th line of the 3rd Article after the word "*Committee*" insert, "*of three Master Masons, neither of whom shall be of the recommending Brethren,*" and in the 8th line after the word "*if*" insert, "*unanimously,*" and in the same line strike out "*admitted*" and insert "*initiated.*"

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. BAKER, }
NATH. R. POTTS, } Committee.

Philadelphia,

June 2, 1821.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Appeal of William H. Wetherill from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o 45, held at Pittsburgh, made report which was read and is as follows:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William H. Wetherill, complaining of the conduct of Lodge N^o 45,

Respectfully Report,

That upon making known their appointment to Lodge N^o 45, the W. Master of that Lodge, under the conviction that his Lodge had acted with precipitancy in the expulsion of the Petitioner, requested your Committee to postpone any proceedings under the Commission until the Lodge should have a reasonable time to retrace its steps. Your Committee conceived themselves justified in acceding to his request, and have now the honor to transmit to the R. W. Grand Lodge the inclosed communication from said Lodge N^o 45, Pittsburgh, April 18th 1821.

MAGNUS M. MURRAY,
JOHN TOWN, W. M. 165,
SAMUEL PETTIGREW, W. M. Lodge N^o
113.

The Communication inclosed from Lodge N^o 45, is in the words following:

Masonic Hall, Pittsburgh. Stated Lodge Night of N^o 45.

Extract from the Minutes.

On Motion, Resolved, that W^m H. Wetherill be reinstated to this Lodge.

JOHN W. TREMBLY, W. Master.

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Attest:

B. BUTLER, Sec^y.

To the Com. of G. Lodge, Viz: Bro^m

M. MURRAY,

M. NEVILLE, and

JOHN TOWN.

A Report was received and read from Brother T. B. Freeman, of his having in Virtue of a Deputation from the R. W. Grand Master, visited Lodge N^o. 43, held at Lancaster, and Lodge N^o. 104, held in Leacock Township, Lancaster County. Which was ordered to be filed.

A Report was received and read from Brother Joseph S. Lewis, of his having in Virtue of a Deputation from the R. W. Grand Master Visited the Three Lodges held in the City of Pittsburg, Which was ordered to be filed.

A Petition was received and read from J—— S——, appealing from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o. 67, held at Philadelphia, which was referred to Brothers Michael Nisbet, Thomas Pearson and Henry G. Freeman, to enquire and report.

A Petition was received and read from N—— L. B——, appealing from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o. 104, held in Leacock Township, Lancaster County, which was referred to Bro. Francis R. Shunk, W. Master of Lodge N^o. 21, held at Harrisburg; Bro. Robert Richardson, W. Master of Lodge N^o. 169, and Bro. John Mason, W. Master of Lodge N^o. 172, held at Lebanon, to enquire and make report.

On Motion of Brother Dahlgreen,

Resolved, that the present Gas Committee be restricted from making any other use of the Gas Manufactory than that of making Gas from Tar.

Brother Dahlgreen offered and laid on the Table the following Resolution :

Resolved, that the resolution passed by this Grand Lodge on the 5th March, 1821, relating to the admission of Visitors be reconsidered.

The Committee to whom was referred the Letter from Mr. Guillou asking for a reduction of his rent, made report which was read and laid on the Table.

A Communication was received and read from a Grand Lodge recently established at the City of Havana, in the Island of Cuba, called "Gran Logia Espanola de Franc, Maçons Antiquos de York." Which was referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and report thereon.

A Communication was also received and read from Bro. Jose Maria Canalejo, giving an Account of the establishment of the said Grand Lodge at Havana, returning the Warrants of Lodges N^o. 103, 157 and 166, who had assisted in the formation of the said Grand Lodge, and promising to have the Accounts of the said Lodges made out and remit the Amount of their dues with them, Which was also referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and report thereon.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10½ o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday the 2nd of July next, at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 25th 1821, in lieu of St. John the Baptist's Day, which fell on Sunday the 24th.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present :

Bro. GEORGE A. BAKER, R. W. Grand Secretary, presided as Grand Master.

“ Tristram B. Freeman, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George Curry, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ Charles Schneider, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. T.

“ Anthony Fannen, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ George Russell, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Robert Patton, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

Rev^d Bro. W^m. Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Charles Stout, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 45, 51, 66, 59, 67, 91, 128, 184, 141, 115 and 160 represented.

Eleven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in form at half past 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

The following returns, &c., from Lodges were presented and read, to wit :

Lodge N^o 66, held in Carnarvon Township, Berks Cot^y.
Election Returns for 1819 and 1820.

Lodge N^o 100, held at Bloomsburg, Columbia Cot^y. Election
Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues. Also
communication of the expulsion of H—— F——, for un-
masonic conduct.

Lodge N^o 114, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the
expulsion of J—— J——, for non payment of dues.

Lodge N^o 169, held at Columbia, Lancaster Cot^y. Election
Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 12 o'clock at Noon.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 2^d, A. D. 1821, A. L. 5821.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly
Communication.

Present :

Bro. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master, P. T.

“ James Harper, ju^r. R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ Thomas F. Gordon, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Anthony Fannen, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ George Russel, D. Grand Secretary, P. T.

“ John Thomas, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev. Bro. William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Isaac Avery, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

“ Jacob Durff, Grand Marshal, P. T.

“ Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 8, 21, 45, 51, 52, 67, 91, 115, 128, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 141,
154, 155, 158, 165 and 172 represented.

Twenty One Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was
opened in form, (the R. W. Senior Grand Warden being in
the Chair,) at 8 o'clock, P. M.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge N^o 123, held at York, Pennsylvania, containing the expulsion of W—— H. B——, for unmasonic conduct.

Communications were received and read from the following Grand Lodges, and ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge, to wit :

Nova Scotia.
Lower Canada.
New Hampshire.
Massachusetts.
New Jersey.
Virginia.
North Carolina.
Georgia.
Kentucky.
Ohio.
Tennessee.
Indiana.
Louisiana.

A Communication was received and read of the establishment of a Grand Lodge in the State of Maine, also, a Letter soliciting a recognition and correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and report thereon.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of New York, containing the Names and Signatures of the Grand Officers, together with a preamble and resolution in the words following :

Whereas, a perfect acquaintance with the signatures of the Grand Officers of the several Grand Lodges holding correspondence with each other is of material importance in testing the authenticity of papers professedly issuing from under the hands, and by the authority of any of them ; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary, when communicating to the respective Grand Lodges, with whom a correspondence is preserved, the result of any election of Officers of this Grand Lodge wherein a change may have been made, shall accompany the same with the signatures of the Grand Master,

Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens, written with their own proper hand and duly authenticated under his hand and the seal of this Grand Lodge, together with a request to each and every such Grand Lodge, that they will forthwith, and as often hereafter as by any change of Grand Officers it may be rendered important, furnish to this Grand Lodge a similar document, Which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

A Communication containing the Names and Signatures of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, with a preamble and resolution similar to the above, was received and read and ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary forward to the Grand Lodges of New York and Maryland the Names and Signatures of the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge.

The report of a Committee appointed by Six Lodges held in the City of New Orleans, to devise the means of establishing a Masonic Hospital, together with a request from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the subordinate Lodges under its Jurisdiction would co-operate in the execution of an object so laudable and so worthy of our institution, was received and read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence, to inquire and make report.

A Communication was received and read from Washington Lodge, N^o 15, held at Washington, Georgia, relative to sundry resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, affecting the Character and standing in Society of Brother David Vinton, which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

A Communication was received and read from the Consistory held at New York, and ordered to be laid on the Table.

The Building, Gas and Furnishing Committees made report which was partly read, when on motion, the further reading thereof was postponed until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

A report was received and read from the late Gas Committee, and is as follows :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

When the Gas Committee were directed to construct the necessary Apparatus for supplying the Masonic Hall with Gas, they determined to put up four Gas-holders, and accordingly purchased and paid for all the Materials, and engaged M^r. F. W. Walters to do the Iron Work by Weight.

At the time the Gas House was injured by Fire in December last, only two of the Gas-holders were put up and the others were in a state of preparation, and considerable work put upon them by M^r. Walters, upon this subject reference may be had to the report of the 19 Feb^r. last.

It being uncertain whether or not the Grand Lodge would authorize the completion of the Gas-holders, it was concluded to await their decision before a final settlement was made with M^r. Walters, and the Committee accordingly in making their report of the 25 May, only reported the sum they had actually paid.

M^r. Walters has now called upon the former Members of the Gas Committee and presented the inclosed Letter and account, desiring a settlement, as there is no prospect of an immediate decision by the Grand Lodge in relation to finishing the two Gas-holders.

The power of that Committee having ceased, and there being no funds under their controul, they respectfully hand the papers to the Grand Lodge and recommend that an adjustment should be made with M^r. Walters for the work actually performed.

Whether the Account presented is correct or not it will be impossible without the enquiries of a Committee to say ; the work if finished could be estimated by the pound weight but in its incomplete state it can only be done by practical Men.

Philadelphia, 2 July, 1821.

(Sign'd)

JOSEPH S. LEWIS.

JOSEPH BURDEN.

JAMES HARPER, ju^r.

Which report, together with the Letter and account from F. W. Walter, were referred to Brothers Elhanan W. Keyser, George M. Dallas and T. B. Freeman to enquire and make report.

The Account of Bro. Joseph S. Lewis, Grand Treasurer, for the New Loan of Twenty Thousand Dollars was presented and referred to the Committee of Accounts to examine.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 31, A. D. 1821, A. L. 5821.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Special Communication.

Present :

BRO. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, presiding as Grand Master.

- " James Harper, jun^r, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " Bernard Dahlgreen, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " Henry G. Freeman, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
- " Thomas F. Gordon, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " Alva Mason, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " Jacob Durff, Grand Marshall, P. T.
- " Samuel Black, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
- " Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
- " William McCorkle, R. W. P. J. Grand Warden.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 21, 45, 52, 91, 114, 115, 126, 128, 130, 131, 139, 141, 152, 164, 158, 165 and 172 represented.

Eighteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Form at 8 o'clock in the Evening, the R. W. Senior Grand Warden being in the Chair.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that this Special Meeting had been called for the purpose of receiving, considering and

deciding upon the report of the Committee on the Gas Establishment, and also to take into consideration the propriety of completing and perfecting the Gas House and its appurtenances.

The Gas Committee presented their report, which was read and is as follows :

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :
The Gas Committee respectfully report,

That they commenced their labours by a careful examination into the state of the Gas Apparatus and distributing pipes. In the first they discovered that some alteration was indispensably and immediately necessary to enable them to conduct their operations with economy. By an improvement in the mode of suspending the Gasholders, they so lessened the labour of the manufactory that they could conduct it with one labourer, at three dollars the distillation, (the wages heretofore paid were \$10.50 per Week,) and by caulking and painting the Gasometers they prevented much waste of Gas.

The Committee have the satisfaction to state that the distributing pipes by great labour have been rendered air tight, whereby the unpleasant effluvia which heretofore infected the Hall is removed, and a saving has been made of full one third of the Gas formerly used.

A Considerable Number of the burners have been deemed unnecessary, and in many cases the kind improper and expensive. From actual experiments it has been ascertained that the Bat wing gives the greatest light with the least expense of Gas ; it has been adopted for all places in which it could be conveniently fitted up, in other places the smaller argands, cock-spurs and single jets have been put.

The Chandeliers in the Chapter room were so constructed that the stop cocks appertaining to them could not be made air tight. They have been altered so as to combine economy and beauty.

In order to prevent the mischiefs attendant on improper interference with the lights, the cocks of the distributing pipes have been made to turn only with a key. This key in the possession of the Tyler gives him the exclusive control of the gas, and makes him responsible for its abuse.

The Grand Lodge room and Appurtenances are now					
lighted with burners	25.
The Chapter room with	11.
The N. W. room, &c.,	12.
The Dome room, &c.,	12.
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					60.

It was an early and desirable object with the Committee to obtain a market for the tar oil. This they have effected at the rate of 12 Ct. per Gallon. The sale of this product of the distillation will greatly lessen the cost of the gas, the tar being reduced thereby to the price of 44 Cents per barrel.

The Committee have manufactured 16,264 feet of gas, which have cost them,

For tar, 19 bar.,	.	.	.	.	.	\$38.
For labour,	.	.	.	.	.	33.75
For fuel, 190 bush. coal,	17.15
Retorts, dishes and incidental expenses,	65.10
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						\$154.00

leaving \$120.44—to $7\frac{3}{4}$ Mills, or three quarters of a cent nearly per foot.

The Committee would observe that the item of incidental expenses is much increased by the premature destruction of the retorts by the bad quality of the iron and improper construction of the furnace.

There have been expended from the 27 April to the 27 July, 16,936 ft. gas.

From this is to be deducted the quantity used to try					
the pipes,	1470.
Quantity used by Mr. Guillou,	1912.
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3382.

leaves 13654 ft. gas for the use of the Lodges, this divided by 105, the Number of Meetings in the lodge room, gives an average of 129 ft. per lodge, supper room included. It should be remarked that more than one-third of this gas has been wasted through the leaks of the pipes.

The Committee have engaged Mr. James Griffiths, in whose

skill and industry they have great confidence, temporarily to manufacture the gas at \$4.25 per making. This increase of the price of labour is predicated on his skill and experience, by which the Committee hope to make a further reduction in the expense of the manufactory.

It will be observed in the account of payments, that

there is no charge for tar, the Committee having	
a Credit with Mr. Turner for Tar oil,	75.48
And for Casks,	7.31

82.79

They have had 20 barrels tar, \$40.37, leaving a balance to the credit of G. Lodge, \$42.42.

The Committee have purchased 5 empty oil barrels for the preservation of the tar oil.

They have delivered to Joseph S. Lewis, 5 Barrels of Tar Oil to be shipped to England on trial.

They have returned to the Hall Committee the weights heretofore about the Gas house, many of which they understand were on loan and would be shortly required, And they have borrowed of Mr. Samuel Richard who kindly offered his services, 13 weights of 112 lb. and 72 Weights of 56 lb. which are now used in suspending the Gasometers, and for which the Committee have given their receipt on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

They have caused the sheet iron procured by a former Committee for the unfinished Gasometers to be stored in the Cellar of the Hall for its better preservation.

They have endeavored unsuccessfully to stop the leak in the tank by throwing in a mixture of shorts, bran and mud.

The Committee are indebted to Professor Hare for the present of a gauge by which the pressure on the Gasometers may be at all times ascertained.

Before closing their report the Committee would respectfully call the attention of G. Lodge to the present state of the Gasworks.

The leak still remains in the tank, the Water from which has heretofore been carried off from the well. This well is

now nearly full, and will require some alteration to prevent the drain at its bottom from being entirely choked. This fact has been communicated some time since to the Hall Committee.

Some one of the pipes connected with the distributing box also leaks and would, if not relieved by daily pumping, totally impede the passage of the Gas from the Holders to the Mains. In the prosecution of the Manufactory it will be proper to have those pipes examined, repaired and secured before the coming Winter. It will also be proper to repair the present temporary building for the protection of the Works and Workmen.

The Committee have confined themselves to a faithful representation of the most important facts connected with their duty; and they are prepared further verbally to give every information in their power on minor points which would have swelled this report to a tedious volume.

Your Committee offer to Grand Lodge the following resolution :

Resolved, that the Gas Committee be discharged.

(Sign'd)

THO^o F. GORDON.

BERNARD DAHLGREEN.

July 31, 1821.

Which report and resolution were adopted.

The following Resolutions were offered by Brother Gordon :

Resolved, that a Committee of One Member of the Grand Lodge be appointed to superintend the Gas Manufactory, and that the Committee be restricted to an expenditure not exceeding fifty dollars per Month.

Resolved, that such Committee be empowered to have the Gas House so repaired as to protect the Works and Workmen from the inclemency of the Weather.

Resolved, that said Committee have the pipes communicating with the distributing box examined and repaired, if on examination they shall be found worthy of repair, but if in the opinion of such Committee new pipes shall be required for the distributing chest, that they procure the same, having first obtained the sanction of the Grand Master and Wardens, or a majority of them.

On Motion and Seconded, the first resolution was taken up for consideration and adopted.

On Motion, the consideration of the other Resolutions was postponed.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brother Thomas F. Gordon, a Committee for the purpose contained in the foregoing Resolution.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that when this Grand Lodge Adjourn, that it adjourn to meet again on Friday next, at 7 o'clock in the Evening, for the purpose of considering and deciding upon sundry resolutions relative to the Gas Establishment, and for such other matters as may be brought before them.

Grand Lodge adjourned at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Friday next, at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 3, A. D. 1821, A. L. 5821.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Special Communication.

Present :

Bro. THOMAS ELLIOTT, R. W. D. Grand Master, in the Chair.

“ Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Anthony Fannen, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Randall Hutchison, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ John H. Lemmon, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

Rev. Bro. William Rodgers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

“ William M^cCorkle, R. W. P. J. Grand Warden.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 114, 115, 121, 127, 130, 131, 134, 141,
154, 155, 165 and 172 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 8 o'clock in the Evening, the R. W. D. Grand Master being in the Chair.

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication from the late Gas Committee, relative to the Account of Frederick W. Walters, together with the Account of said Walters, made report which was read and is as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns^a:

The Committee to whom was referred the Acc^t of F. W. Walters, beg leave to report,

That they have attended to the duty Assigned them and after a patient investigation of the charges in his Acc^t and an examination of the Gasometers Finished and unfinished are of opinion he is entitled to the Amo^t claimed in his Bill ; there are some items in the Acc^t which are of minor importance as respects amo^t, and which it is impossible for the Committee at this late period to ascertain a correct knowledge of in point of value, particularly those destroyed by the late Fire at the Gas house.

Your Committee respectfully beg leave to offer the following Resolution, Viz :

Resolved, that F. W. Walters ought to be paid the balance of his Acc^t without further delay.

(Sign'd)

E. W. KEYSER,
T. B. FREEMAN,
G. M. DALLAS.

Philad^a, Aug. 3, 1821.

Which report and resolution were adopted.

Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the resolutions offered by Bro. Gordon on the 31st ultimo, and after some debate the further consideration thereof was postponed until the next Grand Quarterly Communication.

On Motion of Brother Dahlgreen and Seconded,

Resolved, that a Committee of three Members be appointed to procure from respectable Mechanics an estimate of the expense of finishing the present roof of the Gashouse in the cheapest manner possible, so as effectually to protect the work

and workmen from the inclemency of the Weather during the ensuing winter, and to report at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Thomas F. Gordon, Thomas Harper and George H. Burgin a Committee for the above purpose.

On Motion of Brother Dahlgreen and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Gas Committee be instructed to empty the Tank before the next Grand Quarterly Communication and to inform the Chairman of the examining Committee of it when effected.

Resolved, that a Committee of three Members be appointed to examine the Gas Apparatus as soon as they are informed of the tank being emptied, and to report to this Grand Lodge at the next quarterly communication what repairs are necessary to be done, together with an estimate (by competent judges) of the expense, accompanied by satisfactory assurance, that the cost shall not exceed the expense estimated.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Thomas F. Gordon, George H. Burgin and Samuel Webb a Committee for the above purpose.

On Motion of Bro. Dahlgreen and Seconded,

Resolved, that a Committee of Three Members be appointed forthwith to prepare a plan for procuring a sum of Money sufficient to pay for the repairs of the Gas Apparatus, to be reimbursed from their early savings of the Gas Establishment and to report the same at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Josiah Randall, James Harper, jun^r and Michael Nisbet a Committee for the above purpose.

Brother Dahlgreen read and laid on the table the following resolution :

Resolved, that so much of the report of the Committee of Nine dated Eighteenth December, 1820, and adopted as relates to the quantity of gas to which the Lodges are entitled be and is hereby repealed.

On Motion of Brother Dahlgreen and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer be instructed to demand payment from Victor Guillou for all the gas furnished him according to the award of Mess^{rs} Kugler and Peale.

On Motion, Resolved, that Bro. Dahlgreen be authorized to draw an order on John Turner, jun^r and Com. in favour of Bro. Gordon for the sum of \$42.42, Amount due by said Turner for Tar Oil.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half past 10 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 3rd, A. D. 1821, A. L. 5821.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Thomas Elliott, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Anthony Fannen, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Emmor T. Weaver, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ Joseph R. Hopkins, R. W. Deputy Grand Secretary,
P. T.

“ George Russell, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev^d Bro. William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. David H. Mason, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ Jacob Durff, Grand Marshal.

“ Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. P. Grand Master.

“ William McCorkle, R. W. P. Junior Grand Warden.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 81, 91, 114, 115, 121, 123, 126, 127,
130, 131, 134, 139, 141, 159 and 172 represented.

Twenty Three Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7½ o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication, and of the Meetings held since, were read and Approved.

On Motion of Brother Randall and Seconded, the following preamble and resolution were adopted :

Whereas, since the last Grand Communication our late esteemed Past Grand Master, Richard Tybout, has become deceased. And, Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania are anxious to display the most lively marks of sincere regard for the memory of their deceased friend and Brother, and to evince their gratitude for the many services rendered by him to the Craft in the various stations he has filled, and the zeal with which he at all times promoted as well the interest of the Order as of the whole family of mankind ; therefore,

Resolved, that the Jewells, Hangings and other Furniture of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be placed in mourning for the space of Six Months as a testimonial of respect for the memory of their deceased Brother, Richard Tybout, late R. W. Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge.

A Petition was received and read from divers ancient York Master Masons, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge at William Overfield's, in Middlesmithfield Township, Pike County, to be called Zebulun Lodge, and that Brother John Coolbaugh might be named first Worshipful Master ; Brother Daniel W. Dingman, to be first Senior Warden, and Brother Cornelius Coolbaugh, to be the first Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was on motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petition be granted, that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 179.

The following returns, &c., were presented and read, viz :
Lodge N^o. 155, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the suspension of J—— B——. V—— V—— and D—— M^c—— C——, for Non payment of dues.

Lodge N^o. 159, held at Danville, Columbia Cot^y. Election

Return. Account of Dues for 1819 and 1820. Return of Members of 1819 and 1820, containing the suspension of J—— L——, M—— R—— and D—— S——, and the expulsion of J—— M^cC——.

Lodge N^o. 170, held at Williamsport, Washington Cot^y. Election Return. Account of Dues. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws for examination.

Lodge N^o. 177, held in Delaware Township, Pike Cot^y. Return to Dispensation for Constituting said Lodge was presented and read, whereby it appeared that said Lodge was duly constituted on the 25th day of June last.

A Communication was received from the Hall Committee dated 7 Mo. 19, stating that they found a Watchman employed by their predecessors, whom they have continued to the present time at twenty three dollars per Month, and requesting the advice of the Grand Lodge whether they should in future cause the Building to be watched as heretofore.

Which on Motion was referred to Brothers Josiah Randall, Sam^l. F. Bradford and James Harper, jun^r. to enquire and make report.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the circumstances of the Initiation of William Sample by Lodge N^o. 60, after he had been rejected by Lodge N^o. 164, made report which was read and adopted, and is as follows, to wit :

Pitts^g. June 5, 1821.

George A. Baker, Esq., Grand Secretary of the Right W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a. Dear Sir and Bro^r :

The Committee appointed by the R. W. G. Lodge on the 2^d. April, to enquire into the circumstances of the Initiation of William Sample into Lodge N^o. 60, after being rejected by Lodge N^o. 164, Report, that on receipt of their appointment they summoned a deputation from each of the above named Lodges, and after a patient hearing on the 14th May in this City, they transmit for the consideration of the R. W. G. Lodge the Minutes of that Meeting, together with Numerous documents Numbered as in the *Minutes* as the result of

their investigation. Your Committee are aware that no opinion of theirs was expected by the R. W. G. Lodge, but in justice to themselves and those concerned, as well as the respect they feel towards the R. W. G. Lodge, induce them to offer a few observations. It appears that M^r. William Sample sustains a good private Character, but from a long course of personal hostility existing between M^r. Sample and several of the Members of Lodge N^o. 164, his initiation into that Lodge would have been destructive to its harmony, and in duty to themselves they could not admit him until he would make private Concessions to those Members with whom he was at variance. In addition we would offer a few of those general impressions which are never so forcibly excited as in the presence of the parties concerned. We are of opinion that Lodge N^o. 164 have acted with perfect candour and with Masonic feelings towards their Brethren of Lodge N^o. 60, and not with inveterate animosity towards M^r. Sample, and that the course which Lodge N^o. 60 has taken is highly reprehensible, inasmuch as they did not pay that regard to the best possible Masonic information which they were in duty bound to attend to, Nevertheless they are of opinion that Lodge N^o. 60 have acted more through error of Judgment than any willful contempt of either the R. W. G. Lodge or Lodge N^o. 164.

Yours fraternally,

Committee. { JOHN W. TREMBLY, W. M. Lodge N^o. 45.
SAMUEL PELLIGREW, W. M. Lodge N^o. 113.
JOHN TOWNE, W. M. Lodge N^o. 165.

The Minutes accompanying the report of the Committee were also ready when, on

Motion of Brother Randall, and Seconded,

Resolved, that the proceedings of Lodge N^o. 164, in relation to the Petition of William Sample, were in accordance with the true principles of Masonry, and that the Lodge was justified in requiring the settlement of the private differences between the Petitioner and any of their Members previous to his admission as a Member of their body.

Resolved, that Lodge N^o. 60, in persevering to initiate Wil-

liam Sample after his rejection by N^o. 164, Violated the rules and regulations of this Grand Lodge, but from their knowledge of the respectability of the Members of Lodge N^o. 60, and the report of the Committee appointed by this Grand Lodge, they are induced to believe that N^o. 60 erred on this occasion from error of judgment rather than from any intention to violate the rules and regulations of the Order.

Resolved, that it appearing William Sample is a Man of good Moral Character, and the objections to his admission as a Member in N^o. 164 not applying to N^o. 60, that N^o. 60 be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to proceed to advance him in the Order of Masonry as tho' he had never been rejected by N^o. 164.

Resolved, that Copies of the above resolutions be severally transmitted to Lodges N^o. 60 and 164 and William Sample.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Nathan L. Boulden, appealing from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o. 104 made report, which was read and adopted and is as follows, to wit :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penn^a.:

The Committee to whom was referred on the 4th day of June, A. D. 1821, the petition of Nathan L. Boulden appealing from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o. 104, held in Leacock Township, Lancaster County, with instructions to "Enquire and report,"

Respectfully do report,

That all the Members of the Committee met agreeably to appointment at the Lodge room of N^o. 104, in Leacock Township, Lancaster County, on Saturday the 28th day of July, A. D. 1821 ; that the Members of the Lodge were notified in pursuance of instructions from your Committee, and that the Lodge was opened in ample form.

Your Committee being well aware that a trial of this kind, conducted with zeal on both sides, would not be calculated to restore feelings consistent with the spirit of Masonry, or to promote the interests of the order, recommended to the Lodge a reconsideration of the vote, from which B^r. Boulden appealed. To this proposition the Lodge did not feel itself

warranted to accede, and accordingly appointed a Committee of three Members to represent the Lodge before your Committee.

Upon an examination of the records of the Lodge by your Committee, in relation to the appeal, the following facts appear, to wit :

On the 20th November, 1820, B^r. Boulden, then being a Member of Lodge N^o. 104, presented a petition praying for leave to withdraw, Which prayer was not granted.

On the 18th December, 1820, Br. Boulden not being present, B^{rs}. George Hoffman, Henry Miller, Robert Agnew, John Hamilton and Frederick D. Baker were appointed by the Lodge a Committee to investigate and report any unmasonic conduct of Br. N. L. Boulden, in writing Letters to Br. Joel Lightner and D^r. John S. Carpenter, who is not a Mason, or if in any other manner B^r. Boulden may have acted unmasonically.

On the 18th January, 1821, B^{rs}. Hoffman and Miller of the foregoing Committee, reported that they had met at the hour appointed and that none of the parties appeared. Whereupon the Lodge granted further indulgence.

On the 15th of February, 1821, On Motion it was ordered by the Lodge that the Committee appointed to investigate the Conduct of B^r. Boulden be summoned to attend the Lodge on next stated meeting, at 2 o'clock, P. M. on said day, and that B^r. Boulden be also summoned. And further that B^r. Secretary procure a Copy of the testimony given before the Mayor's Court of the City of Lancaster, in the trial of the Commonwealth against B^r. Boulden and present it to the Chairman of the Committee.

On the 19th March, 1821, The Committee made the following report :

"Whereas, B^r. Boulden made application to Philanthropic Lodge, N^o. 104, by petition, for Certificate and privilege to withdraw therefrom. Whereupon, B^{rs}. George Hoffman, Henry Miller, Robert Agnew, John Hamilton and Frederick D. Baker, were appointed a Committee to investigate the conduct of the said B^r. Boulden towards the Lodge, and some

"of the Members thereof. Having met in pursuance of this appointment in the Lodge room, John Hamilton, Chairman, and Dr. Agnew, Secretary, and having heard the objections and charges against him, as also his defense, we, upon consideration and in discharge of the duty assigned us, Do report that the prayer of Br. Boulden ought to be granted upon his making suitable acknowledgments for disrespectful conduct in the Lodge and insinuations contained in the Letter to John Carpenter.

"ROB. AGNEW.

"HENRY MILLER.

"FREDERICK D. BAKER."

Laid on the table until next stated night.

On the 16th of April, 1821, Br. Boulden being absent, the foregoing report of the Committee was considered, when, on Motion of Br^m. Francis Lytle and Joseph Lefevre, the following substitute was offered :

"Whereas, it satisfactorily appears to the Members of the Lodge that Br. N. L. Boulden, a Member of this Lodge, has conducted himself at various times and on different occasions highly unmasonic and unbecoming a Man and Citizen. That he has written a Letter to Dr. John S. Carpenter, who is not a Mason, in which he calls the Members of this Lodge 'Unworthy Members of a Worthy Society,' A junto of dishonorable conspirators, charging them with 'malicious designing' and with 'possessing neither honor nor honesty.' That from respectable testimony given before the Mayor's Court of the City of Lancaster, it appears that Br. Boulden did threaten the life of Br. Hugh Maxwell of said City, That there is strong corroborating testimony that he did make an attack on Br. Maxwell, in a manner and at such an hour of the night, as leaves no room to doubt that his intentions were to destroy said Br. Maxwell. That Br. Boulden has at different times and repeatedly, insulted the Members of this Lodge both in and out of Lodge, which has tended very much to destroy the peace and harmony thereof.

"And, whereas, it is the incumbent duty of every free and

"accepted Lodge of Masons, and of every Member of such
"Lodge, to act in every respect for the good of Masonry and
"for its prosperity, and to expel and dismiss all unworthy
"and disgraceful Members,

"Therefore,

"Resolved, that Br. N. L. Boulden be expelled from this
Lodge."

On Motion, The original report was postponed and the substitute adopted by the following Vote :

Br^a. Joseph Lefever, F. Lyttle, Samuel Miller, L^d. Arwater and Joel Lightner, 5, Voted in the Affirmative.

Br^a. Samuel Brua, Henry Miller and Rob. Agnew, W. M., 3, Voted in the Negative.

From this record it appeared to your Committee that the proceedings had against Br. Boulden on the 16th of April, 1821, were irregular, he was not present and had no Notice of the charges exhibited, he could not but presume that the report of the Committee would be adopted, And as it was not, but gave way to a substitute containing matters different from those that were under the consideration of the Committee, Your Committee considered the expulsion unadvised and premature, And that no further proceedings could be had by your Committee under the reference. It was the opinion of your Committee that the Grand Lodge has no original jurisdiction to try the merits of a question between a subordinate Lodge and one of its Members. And that as in this case no trial in fact was had, for an informal trial must be considered as no trial, unless we admit that among Masons that a party accused can be tried and punished without a hearing, a proposition directly contrary to correct reason, and to an essential rule which governs in all well regulated communities where the rights of individuals are guarded and understood.

Therefore your Committee must be discharged.

When this decision was announced all parties appeared to be dissatisfied. Br. Boulden proposed to waive any objection he might have to the regularity of the proceedings. And your Committee was urged to proceed in the investigation. As there was considerable anxiety evinced to have this un-

fortunate dispute settled, your Committee yielded reluctantly, for if the Grand Lodge have not jurisdiction over the subject matter by the constitution of Masonry, the consent of the parties could not change a fundamental principle.

The testimony was then heard, and may be divided into the three following heads. The charge in the substitute of the 16 April in relation to B^r. Maxwell was not urged before your Committee.

1. That B^r. Boulden urged there were circumstances under which the secrets of Masonry might be disclosed.

2. That B^r. Boulden was guilty of disorderly conduct in the Lodge, and of destroying the harmony of the same.

3. That B^r. Boulden has written to D^r. Carpenter a letter of a character highly reprehensible.

In relation to the first charge B^r. Francis Lytle testified that about three years ago B^r. Boulden having been suspended for a time was reinstated, and that he then said to B^r. Lytle that provided he had been expelled he would have disclosed the whole secrets of Masonry. This charge was brought before the Committee appointed on the 18th December, 1820. In the testimony of some of the Members of that Committee, there was a little variance; some of them said that when the charge was made B^r. Boulden assented to its truth, while others did not recollect that he did. B^r. Hoffman testified that B^r. Boulden had said before the Committee that it was matter of opinion which he advanced in a conversation with B^r. Lytle, and that he had said he was supported by Niles of Baltimore. B^r. Lefever testified that B^r. Boulden had said if he was expelled he considered himself released from all obligations, and that he did not believe there was such a thing as expulsion, but that they might suspend for life.

In Answer to this charge B^r. Boulden urged that what he had said was mere matter of opinion advanced by him in a conversation with B^r. Lytle, and that he had no notice this charge would be brought against him, it being not included in the substitute of the 16 of April. He made inquiries of the Witnesses whether he had, since he was expelled, hinted at disclosing the secrets, to which they all replied that to their knowledge he had not.

As to the second charge, to wit: That B^r Boulden was guilty of disorderly conduct in the Lodge and of destroying the harmony of the same. A Number of Witnesses testified that his conduct generally was exceptionable, that he was troublesome and passionate, that he was concerned in all disputes which then were numerous; some of the Members said they had not attended the Lodge because of the feuds arising from the conduct of B^r Boulden. The particular instance of disorderly conduct it was testified arose from a dispute in the Lodge between B^r Joel Lightner and B^r Boulden, that the conduct of the latter, on this occasion, was highly reprehensible, that he refused to come to order at the desire of the Worshipful, used indecorous language and withdrew several times without asking leave of the chair or observing the usual ceremonies.

To this charge B^r Boulden answered that he was provoked by a remark made by B^r Lightner on that occasion. Some of the Witnesses censured both parties, others censured only B^r Boulden. B^r Boulden said that his reason for withdrawing abruptly was a severe attack of Diarrhoea, but that his not observing the usual ceremonies was owing to passion. He confessed that his conduct on that occasion was censurable and that he had been, and still was, willing to make acknowledgements.

He stated that it could not be possible his conduct should have prevented any of the Members from attending for several years, for during that time he had resided in Lancaster and visited the Lodge but very seldom.

The last charge is contained in the Letter from B^r Boulden to D^r Carpenter, which is herewith transmitted to the Grand Lodge.

B^r Boulden in Answer to this charge stated that the letter originated in certain strong reasons which he then thought he had to be dissatisfied with the conduct of D^r Carpenter, that if he had then been as well convinced as now that those reasons were groundless, he would never have written the letter, and that whatever charges were contained in the letter he could substantiate them before the Committee.

Here it became necessary for your Committee to make a decision in relation to the request in the Petition of B^r. Boulden to the Grand Lodge. He did not only pray for an Appeal from the Vote of expulsion, but also for leave to prefer charges against certain Members and against the Lodge.

For the reasons heretofore stated that in the opinion of the Committee, the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge is appellate, Your Committee declined to hear the charges.

This then is the result of a patient investigation of near twelve hours, during which it becomes the painful duty of your Committee to state that there was a degree of acrimony evinced on both sides highly unbecoming the character of Our profession; they indulged themselves in personal altercations about things which had no relation to the subject before the Committee, and betrayed a degree of warmth which was not calculated to further the ends of justice or to shed light upon the subject, but rather to involve it in doubt and obscurity, and which induced your Committee sincerely to lament that the prayer of B^r. Boulden for privilege to withdraw, presented on the 20 November, 1820, was not granted.

(Sign'd)

FR. R. SHUNK.

JOHN MASON.

The letter from B^r. Boulden to D^r. Carpenter was also read, together with a remonstrance from sundry Members of Lodge N^o. 104 against the proceedings of said Lodge in the case of B^r. Boulden, a Letter from B^r. Boulden addressed to the Grand Lodge relative to the proceedings which took place before the Committee, &c. When on

Motion of Brother Randall and Seconded, the following Preamble and resolution were adopted, to wit:

Whereas, it appears that the Harmony and Prosperity of Lodge N^o. 104 have been much interrupted by the disputes that have existed for a long time between D^r. Nathan L. Boulden and some of its Members, And Whereas, this Grand Lodge think the punishment of the said Nathan L. Boulden by expulsion would be too severe for the charges preferred against him, and that the report of the Committee of that

Lodge authorizing him to withdraw upon his making acknowledgments, ought to have been adopted ; therefore,

Resolved, that the Vote of expulsion of Nathan L. Boulden, passed by Lodge N^o 104, on the 21st April last, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Resolved, that Lodge N^o 104 be and they are hereby directed to accept the resignation of D^r. Nathan L. Boulden.

Resolved, that Copies of the above Preamble and Resolutions be transmitted to Lodge N^o 104 and D^r. Nathan L. Boulden.

A Letter was received and read from Brother T. B. Freeman, and is in the words following, to wit :

To the R. W. Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

Brethren,

At the solicitation of Hiram Lodge, N^o 81, held at Germantown, I delivered on S^t John's day last, an address upon the principles of Masonry. They have since that time requested me to furnish a Copy for publication. I was about to comply with their request when I was informed that some Brethren for whose judgment I entertain great respect, were of opinion that there was a regulation of the Grand Lodge prohibiting any such publication without the previous approbation of the R. W. Grand Master or Grand Lodge of Penn^a. Altho upon a careful examination of the Minutes of the Grand Lodge and the most diligent enquiry among the Brethren, I have not been able to find any such regulation, yet I have determined so far to concede my own opinion as to delay a compliance with the wishes of Hiram Lodge until the opinion of the Grand Lodge on this point can be ascertained.

I therefore respectfully ask you whether any such regulation of the Grand Lodge is now in existence?

Respectfully,

Your friend and Brother,

T. B. FREEMAN.

Phila^a, 3 Sept., 1821.

Which was referred to Brothers Nathan R. Potts, James M. Linnard and Joseph R. Hopkins, to enquire and make report.

On Motion of Brother Randall and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed in the next annual communication to inform the subordinate Lodges that all Reports of Committees should contain specific Resolutions for the adoption or rejection of this Grand Lodge.

Brother Randall read and laid on the table the following resolutions, Viz :

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to enquire what reduction (if any) should be made in the dues of the subordinate Lodges now paid by them to the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that the deficiency (if any) in the emoluments of the Grand Secretary, be made up out of the funds of the Grand Lodge so that he shall permanently receive as a compensation for his services the annual sum of five hundred dollars.

Brother Dahlgreen read and laid on the table the following resolution :

Resolved, that a Committee of Members be appointed to report a plan of organization of a board of Finances.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Indiana, and is as follows, to wit :

Circular. Vevay, July 30th, 5821.

A few days since a Man calling himself Story, was in this place professing to be a Royal Arch Mason and an object of Charity ; he received assistance from Vevay Lodge, Indiana, and from Owen Lodge, Kentucky. From information since received from New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio, I have no hesitancy to believe that he is imposing on the humane and charitable of the Masonic family. He is about 50 years of age, from his conversation and appearance has been at Sea, dark complexion, small eyes, low stature, very talkative, says he is a Member of Lodge N^o 67, Philadelphia, and has a diploma from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania. He has a weakness in his urinary vessels, which causes an involuntary flow of urine.

(Sign'd) WILLIAM C. KEEN,
Secretary of the Grand Lodge
of Indiana.

Which was referred to the Grand Secretary.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that he declined a re-election to the office of Grand Master at the election which would take place at the Quarterly Communication in December next.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday, the 17 instant, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 17th September, A. D. 1821, A. L. 5821.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Josiah Randall, R. W. D. G. Master.

“ Bernard Dahlgreen, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ Thomas F. Gordon, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Anthony Fannen, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ George Russell, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ George C. Lentner, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

Rev^d Bro. William Rodgers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. John Kenworthy, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

“ Alva Mason, Grand Marshal, P. T.

“ Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. P. Grand Master.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 78, 91, 114, 115, 123, 127, 128, 181, 139, 141, 154, 155, 158 and 172 represented.

Twenty-Two Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

A Petition was received and read from Julian Westphall, widow of Brother Charles W. Westphall, who was lately drowned with his two sons, stating the distress in which she

has been involved by this sudden and unexpected calamity, being left with eight children without the means to support them, and praying for relief, &c. Whereupon,

On Motion of Bro. Dahlgreen and Seconded,

Resolved, Unanimously, that the Petition of Julian Westphall be recommended to the affectionate attention of the subordinate Lodges and Chapters.

Lodge N^o. 2, held at Philadelphia. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws for examination.

Lodge N^o. 61, held at Wilkesbarre. A Letter dated August 20, 1821, from Brother Andrew Beaumont, W. Master of said Lodge, was read stating the difficulties said Lodge are in, relative to their dues and submitting sundry questions to the consideration of the Grand Lodge, Which on Motion and Seconded, was referred to Brothers Bernard Dahlgreen, Benjamin Stephens and Charles Schneider to enquire and make report.

Lodge N^o. 91, held at Philadelphia. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws for examination.

Lodge N^o. 124, held at Erie. A Memorial was received and read from said Lodge stating the pecuniary difficulties of the Lodge and praying for a remission of their Grand Lodge dues, either in the whole or in part, Which was ordered to be laid on the table.

Lodge N^o. 146, held at Meadville. A Petition was received and read from said Lodge requesting the Grand Lodge to give to the President and Trustees of Allegheny College, for the use of said institution, the Amount now due from said Lodge to the Grand Lodge, together with such sums as may become due for any given Number of years to come, Which on Motion and Seconded, was referred to Brothers Josiah Randall, Robert De Silver and Richard Mansfield, to enquire and make report.

Lodge N^o. 147, held at Bethany. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws for examination ; an extract from the Minutes of

said Lodge containing the report of a Committee appointed to ascertain the causes of the present embarrassment of the Lodge and also to provide rules of practice respecting the introduction of Members into the same, was also presented and read and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws.

Lodge N^o 159, held at Danville. A Communication was received and read from said Lodge, expressing their approbation of the report of the Committee upon the expediency of establishing Masonic Tribunals, and desiring to know whether the report had been embodied into the Bye Laws of the Grand Lodge, Which was referred to the Grand Secretary to answer.

A Letter was received and read from Brother Robert D. Moore, late W. Master of the late Lodge N^o 110, held at Connelsville, Fayette County, inclosing Twenty Dollars in part of the proceeds of the furniture of said Lodge, stating that the sum total when received will amount to more than One hundred dollars, and that the Grand Lodge would no doubt sustain a Loss by the failure of Isaac Murphy, former Secretary, who had taken the benefits of the Acts of Insolvency and served him with a Ticket as the W. Master of late Lodge N^o 110, Which was referred to the Grand Secretary to answer.

Brother Dahlgreen presented the Account of the Gas Committee appointed on the 26 April, 1821, and discharged on the 31 July, 1821, which was referred to the Committee of Accounts for examination.

A Letter accompanied by an elegant Masonic drawing was received and read, and is as follows, to wit :

“ Richmond, 9th July, 1821, (Virg^a)

“ Mr. Geo. A. Baker,

“ Sir: Being a native of Pennsylvania, I enjoy a lively
“ pleasure in addressing these few lines to you, accompanied
“ by a drawing which records a deed highly honourable to
“ the Fraternity of Free and accepted Masons.

“ I do not enjoy the happiness of being a Member of the
“ Fraternity, but feel fully impressed by the exalted principles

"of the Society, and Sir, request of you to present the drawing, in my name, to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as a pledge of respect, and the humble attempt of my pen for what it is intended to represent.

"With sentiments of respect,

"I am Sir, Yours, &c.,

(Sign'd) "MICHAEL H. CARDOSO."

Whereupon, on Motion of Brother Murray and Seconded, Resolved Unanimously, that the respectful thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to M^r. Michael H. Cardoso, for his very acceptable drawing, and that the Hall Committee be directed to have it framed and placed in a conspicuous place in the building as an example to be emulated by the fraternity.

The resolution laid on the table by Bro. Dahlgreen on the 3rd instant, to appoint a Committee to report a Plan for organization of a Board of Finance, was taken up for consideration.

On Motion, the blank was filled with the word "five," and the resolution as amended was then adopted.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed the following Brethren a Committee for the purpose contained in said resolution, Viz : James Harper, jun^r. Joseph S. Lewis, George A. Baker, Bernard Dahlgreen and Joseph R. Hopkins.

On Motion of Brother Kittera and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Secretary inform Bro. Freeman in answer to his Letter of the third instant, that it is inexpedient for the Grand Lodge to interfere, and that they have too much confidence in Hiram Lodge to believe they will sanction the publication of any Oration inconsistent with the principles of Our Ancient Order.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 11 o'clock in the Evening, to meet again on Monday the first day of October next, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER.

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 1, A. D. 1821, A. L. 5821.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. THOMAS ELLIOTT, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, in the Chair.

- " Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- " James Harper, jun^r, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " Anthony Fannen, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
- " Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.
- " Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.
- " Jacob Durff, Grand Marshal, P. T.
- " Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 91, 114, 115, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 141, 154, 158, 165 and 172 represented.

Twenty Four Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 7 o'clock in the Evening, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master being in the Chair.

Lodge N^o 67, held at Philadelphia. A Communication of the suspension of J—— S—— and E—— B. W——, for non payment of dues, was received and read.

Lodge N^o 126, held at Philadelphia. A Communication of the expulsion of C—— W—— and J—— M^cC——, for non payment of dues, was received and read from said Lodge.

Lodge N^o 175, held at St Jago. The Return to the Dispensation to Constitute said Lodge was received and read, whereby it appeared that said Lodge was duly Constituted on the 28th January, 1821. A Commission duly executed appointing Brother Joseph S. Lewis, Proxy, to represent said Lodge in the Grand Lodge was also received and read. Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, Brother Lewis was duly recognized as Proxy. A Letter from said Lodge was also received and read and ordered to be filed.

A Petition was received and read from the Officers of Delaware Lodge, N^o. 177, held in Pike County, making Complaint against Brother Daniel W. Dingman, which was referred to the following Brethren to inquire into the circumstances of the complaint and report thereon to this Grand Lodge, to wit: John Dolby, N^o. 152; W^m. I. C. Baum, N^o. 151, and Ch^a. J. Hutter, N^o. 152.

A Report was received and read from Brother James Harper, jun^r. stating that in Virtue of a Deputation from the R. W. Grand Master he had visited the following Lodges, to wit: N^o. 100, held at Bloomsberry, Columbia County; N^o. 144, held at Milton, Northumberland County; N^o. 159, held at Danville, Columbia County, and N^o. 148, held at Northumberland, Northumberland County, which was ordered to be filed.

The Committee to whom was referred the Appeal of J—— S—— from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o. 67, held at Philadelphia, made report which was read and is as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Appeal of J—— S——, from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o. 67,
Respectfully Report,

That they have heard the parties, and find that Lodge N^o. 67 proceeded against J—— S——, in consequence of his suing the W. Master of said Lodge in his private capacity before A. Petit for the amount of a Bill for printing done for the Lodge, and at the same time owed considerably more money to the Lodge for dues, and also after he had expressly engaged that the amount of his bill should go towards paying what he owed the Lodge, upon which condition the printing had been given to him.

That Lodge N^o. 67, in their Book of Minutes, state that he was expelled for unmasonic conduct and non payment of dues. Your Committee do not find that any proceedings had been taken on the subject of dues, but merely in relation to his unmasonic conduct, and are therefore of opinion the non pay-

ment of dues is improperly inserted and ought to be stricken out. They therefore respectfully offer the following :

Resolved, that Lodge N^o 67 be directed to amend their Minutes in relation to the expulsion of J—— S—— by striking out the words “and non payment of dues.”

Resolved, that the Vote of expulsion passed against J—— S—— by Lodge N^o 67, ought not to be reversed but remain valid.

All which is respectfully submitted.

MICHAEL NISBET,
HENRY G. FREEMAN, } Committee.

Philadelphia,

September 1, 1821.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Letter from Brother Andrew Beaumont, W. M. of Lodge N^o 61, held at Wilkesbarre, made report which was read and is as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge :

The Committee to whom was referred the Letter of the W. M. of Lodge N^o 61, held at Wilkesbarre, beg leave to recommend that the G. Secretary be requested to return the following answers, as from the G. L.

To the 1st question. That the Lodge being a Masonic corporate body created by the Warrant or Charter of the G. L., the Members are not individually, but collectively as a body, responsible for their delinquent Members, and G. L. looks to the Lodge only for the payment of G. L. dues.

To the 2nd question. That in case of annulling the Warrant of a L., which is in any way indebted to G. L., every individual Member of the Lodge at the time of annulling it, is deprived of the benefits of the institution until he has paid to G. L. the whole amount of the debt due by him to the late L.

To the 3rd question. That it rests solely with the L. to determine what is a sufficient cause of expulsion for non payment of any debt due from a Member to the Lodge.

To the 4th question. That from the preceding answers it

is evident that the G. L. cannot interfere in the Fiscal concerns of the Lodge while it retains its warrant.

Respectfully submitted by "

BERNARD DAHLGREEN,	} Committee.
BENJ ⁿ . STEPHENS,	
CH ^s . SCHNEIDER,	

Octo. 1st. A. L. 5821.

Which report was adopted.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, containing the proceedings of the Annual Meeting on the 25 June, 1821. Which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, containing an Account of its proceedings on the 9th May, 1821, which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of New York, containing an Account of its proceedings between the 24th June, 1820, and the 24 June, 1821. Which was referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and report thereon.

The Names and signatures of the Grand Officers of the State of New York, elected for one year on the 6th June last was received and read and ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

A Paper called "The Washington News" published at Washington, Georgia, was received, containing a protest from David Vinton against sundry proceedings against him by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Franklin Chapter of Norwich, Connecticut, and also containing addresses to said Vinton from Washington Lodge N^o. 15, and Cambridge Lodge, N^o. 33, held in Georgia. When

On Motion of Brother Randall and Seconded,

Resolved, that all the documents relative to David Vinton, be referred to a Committee of three to examine and report thereon.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the follow-

ing Brethren a Committee for the above purpose, Josiah Randall, Calvin Mason and John Darragh.

On Motion and Seconded, the Petition from Lodge N^o 124, held at Erie, praying for an exoneration of their Grand Lodge dues, read on the 17th September and laid on the Table, was referred to the Committee appointed to report a plan for organization of a board of finance, to inquire and make report.

On Motion of Brother Randall and Seconded,

The resolution relative to the appointment of a Committee "to inquire what reduction, (if any), should be made in the "dues of the subordinate Lodges now paid by them to the "Grand Lodge," read and laid on the table by him on the first September, was referred to the Committee to report a plan for organization of a board of finance, to inquire and make report.

On Motion of Brother Dahlgreen and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Committee already appointed on the subject of the finances be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a plan for establishing a Charity fund and reviving the Grand Committee of Charity.

The R. W. Grand Master being announced was received with the usual honors.

A Memorial signed by the Owners and Occupiers of Houses in the neighborhood of the Masonic Hall was received and read complaining of the Gas Establishment, which was ordered to be laid on the table.

On Motion of Brother Gordon and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Gas Committee be authorized to collect from Victor Guillou the Monies that shall become due for the Gas furnished him and pay the same over to the Grand Treasurer.

The following Committees respectively made report, which was read, Viz :

The Gas Committee, of the tank having been emptied in pursuance of a resolution of the 3rd August last.

The Committee appointed to examine the Gas Apparatus, to report what repairs were necessary and an estimate of the expense, &c.

The Committee appointed to procure an estimate of the expense of finishing the present roof of the Gas House in the cheapest manner possible.

On Motion and Seconded, the said reports were referred back to the said Committee.

On Motion of Brother Dahlgreen, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the resolution laid on the table by him on the 3rd August last, repealing part of the report of the Committee of Nine, dated 18th December, 1820, relative to the rent and lighting. When on the question being taken, shall the resolution under consideration be adopted? It was decided in the affirmative. So the resolution was adopted.

The following parts of said report are repealed by said resolution, to wit:

1 Page. Lines 28, 29 and 30, "for which sum they are to
"be entitled to 70 Cubical feet of gas, and at
"the same rate should they use more."

Same Page. Lines 33, 34 and 35, "to be entitled to 40 Cubi-
"cal feet of Gas, should they use more, to pay
"two and a half Cents per foot."

2nd Page. In 11th line "and 2½ Cents per foot for light."

Same Page. In lines 28, 29 and 30, "to be entitled to 70 feet
"of gas per night for which those who occupy
"it, and if they use more to pay 2½ Cents per
"foot."

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 8th, A. D. 1821, A. L. 5821.
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communi-
cation.

Present:

Brother BAYSE NEWCOMB, R. W. Grand Master.

" Thomas Elliott, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

" Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

Brother James Harper, jun., R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

" Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

" Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev. Bro. William Rodgers, Grand Chaplain.

Brother Samuel Paxson, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

" Samuel Black, Grand Marshal, P. T.

" Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. P. Grand Master.

" Joseph Burden, R. W. P. Senior Grand Warden.

" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 50, 51, 52, 59, 62, 67, 71, 72, 73, 75, 81, 84,
91, 100, 114, 115, 121, 123, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139, 141,
147, 151, 152, 154, 155, 158, 160, 161, 165, 167, 168, 172, 173 and
175 represented.

Forty Seven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion, the reading of the Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly and Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communications was postponed.

A Petition was received and read from divers ancient York Master Masons, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the Town of Jefferson, in the County of Greene, in the State of Pennsylvania, to be named "Eaton," and that Brother Thomas Fletcher might be named W. Master; Brother Hiram Heaton, Senior Warden, and Brother William M^cCollister, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was on Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 180.

A Commission of Proxy from Lodge N^o 173, was read appointing Bro. Christian C. Febiger to represent said Lodge in Grand Lodge this Evening.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that this was the Evening appointed by the regulations of the Grand

Lodge for the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, Grand Lodge proceeded to the election, when,

Brother Josiah Randall, was duly elected R. W. Grand

“ Master, Brother Newcomb having declined a re-election.

“ John B. Gibson, was duly elected R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Brother Elliott having declined a re-election.

“ James Harper, jun., was duly elected R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Thomas Kittera, was duly elected R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, was duly re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary, and

“ Joseph S. Lewis, was duly re-elected R. W. Grand Treasurer.

On Motion of Brother Dahlgreen and Seconded,

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to ascertain the fact, Whether Brother John B. Gibson, is, or is not, a Member of this Grand Lodge, and to report at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Samuel F. Bradford, Bernard Dahlgreen and George M. Dallas a Committee for the above purpose.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 11 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday the 17th instant, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 17th December, A. D. 1821, A. L. 5821.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

BRO. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master, P. T.

Bro. James Harper, jun., R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ Jos. R. Hopkins, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ William Wray, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ T. B. Freeman, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev. Bro. W^m. Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Jacob Durff, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

“ E. W. Keyser, Grand Marshal, P. T.

“ Ch^a Schneider, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

“ Sam^l F. Bradford, R. W. P. Grand Master.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 45, 51, 52, 67, 72, 81, 91, 114, 115, 121, 126, 131, 134, 141, 154, 158, 165, 168 and 172 represented.

Twenty Three Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Form, the R. W. Senior Grand Warden being in the Chair, at a quarter past 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Grand Quarterly Communication held on the 3rd September, and of the adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication held on the 17th September and 3rd October last, were read and approved.

An application was received and read from the Medical Society, stating that circumstances over which the Society has no controul render it impossible to pay the rent of the room which it now occupies, and requesting that the Grand Lodge would either reduce the rent to One hundred and fifty dollars per annum, or cancel the Lease. Ordered to be laid on the table.

A Petition was received and read from Lodge N^o. 158, stating that in consequence of the stated Meetings of said Lodge being held on the first Saturday in each Month, many of its Members are prevented from attending the regular Meetings, without a neglect of their business and pecuniary loss which militates against the prosperity of the Lodge and very materially affects its funds, that in consequence of the above named grievances many valuable Members have resigned, and fears

are entertained that many more may follow; under these circumstances they pray the interference of the Grand Lodge and beg that they will assign to them their right in the Grand Lodge room for the 3 Monday in each Month, reserving for themselves the right of the same for four evenings in the year.

When on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petition be granted, the Grand Lodge reserving to themselves the right of occupying the room on any third Monday they may think proper.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a plan for establishing a Charity fund and reviving the Grand Committee of Charity, made report, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

The Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a plan for establishing a Charity Fund and a Committee of Charity, beg leave respectfully to report, that they are of opinion that much good may result from such institution if properly supported and cherished by the Fraternity at large. They therefore offer the following Resolutions:

Resolved, that a standing Committee of five Members be appointed on every anniversary of St John the Evangelist, whose duty it shall be to receive all such sums of Money as may be paid into their hands for the purposes of Charity, and to distribute the same as hereinafter stated.

Resolved, that the said Committee shall meet at the Masonic Hall on a certain fixed day of every Month for the purpose of affording relief to petitioners for Charity in such Manner as they may deem proper, subject however to the restrictions hereinafter stated.

Resolved, that no relief shall be granted by the said Committee but upon the Petition of an Ancient York Mason, or the Mother, Sister, Widow or Children of an Ancient York Mason recommended by at least two respectable Members of some Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, that a preference shall always be given by the Committee to the Petition of a Member of some Lodge under this Grand Lodge and his relations as above described.

Resolved, that the said Committee shall choose from among themselves a Secretary and a Treasurer, and that they shall have the power to pass such regulations as may in their discretion seem proper or necessary for securing their funds and for the government of the Treasurer. Provided, Nevertheless, that no monies shall be by him disbursed but by a resolution of the Committee on a draft of the Chairman countersigned by the Secretary.

Resolved, that it shall be the duty of the said Committee to apply once a year to every Lodge and Chapter in this City and request donations; it shall also be their duty in such a manner as they may deem best, to appeal to the Charitable disposition of individual Masons.

Resolved, that it shall be the duty of the said Committee to lay before Grand Lodge at every Grand Quarterly Communication the Treasurer's account of all Monies received and paid.

Respectfully submitted by

(Sign'd)	JAMES HARPER, jun ^r .	} Committee.
	JOSEPH S. LEWIS,	
	GEORGE A. BAKER,	
	BERNARD DAHLGREEN,	
	JOS. R. HOPKINS,	

Philad^a. 13

Dec., A. L. 5821.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee appointed to report a plan of organization of a board of finances made report, which was read and ordered to be laid on the Table.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition from Lodge N^o. 124 praying for an exoneration of their Grand Lodge dues made report, which was read and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Lodge N^o. 124, held at Erie, praying for an exoneration of their Grand Lodge dues, beg leave to report, that after giving to the Petition every consideration due to it, they recommend to the G. Lodge the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the

Lodge N^o 124, held at Erie, in as much as the engagements of the Grand Lodge prohibit any alienation of its funds.

Respectfully submitted by

(Sign'd)	JAMES HARPER, jun.,	} Committee.
	JOSEPH S. LEWIS,	
	GEORGE A. BAKER,	
	BERNARD DAHLGREEN,	
	J. R. HOPKINS,	

Philad^a. 13 Dec.,

A. L. 5821.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee appointed to inquire what deduction, if any, should be made in the dues of the subordinate Lodges made report which was read and is as follows:

The Committee whose duty it was made to inquire what deduction, if any, should be made in the dues of the subordinate Lodges now paid by them to the Grand Lodge, beg leave respectfully to report, that on an examination of the statement of the finances of the G. Lodge exhibited to the Committee by the R. W. G. Treasurer, the Committee are of opinion that no reduction that would prove an object to the Lodges, can take place at present without depriving the G. Lodge of the means of meeting their actual engagements, They therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, that no reduction be now made in the dues of the subordinate Lodges.

Respectfully submitted by

(Sign'd)	JAMES HARPER, jun.,	} Committee.
	JOSEPH S. LEWIS,	
	GEORGE A. BAKER,	
	BERNARD DAHLGREEN,	
	Jos. R. HOPKINS,	

Philadelphia,

13 Dec., A. L. 5821.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 2, which was read and is as follows:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :
 The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for
 examination the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 2, held at Phila-
 delphia,

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same and recom-
 mend their adoption.

(Sign'd)

GEORGE A. BAKER,
 STEPHEN W. SMITH, } Committee.
 NATHⁿ. R. POTTS,

Philadelphia,

1st November, 1821.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws
 of Lodge N^o. 91, held at Philadelphia, which was read and
 Ordered to be laid on the table.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws
 of Lodge N^o. 147, which was read and is as follows :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for
 examination the Bye Laws of Freedom Lodge, N^o. 147, held
 at Bethany, Wayne County,

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same and recom-
 mend the following amendments :

In Article 3^d. line the third, after the word "*three*" insert
 "*Master Masons,*" and after the word appointed, insert, "*from*
which the recommending Brethren shall be excluded."

And that they be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sign'd)

GEORGE A. BAKER,
 STEPHEN W. SMITH, } Committee.
 NATHⁿ. R. POTTS,

Philadelphia,

1 Novem^r. 1821.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 170, which was read and is as follows:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for examination the Bye Laws of Hiram Lodge, N^o 170, held at Williamsport, Washington County,

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same and recommend the following amendments and alterations:

In Article 2, lines 9, 10 and 11, strike out, "*to it more than the dues of the current year ending on the night of the election,*" and insert "*unless he be excused from the payment of his arrear-ages.*"

In Article 10th strike out all between the word "*direct*" in the third line and the word "*and*" in the 4th line.

In Article 14th in line the 4th strike out "*one*" and insert "*two,*" after the word Committee in the 14th line insert "*of three Master Masons from which the recommending Brethren shall be excluded,*" and in the 15th line strike out "*ver-*" "*bally or.*"

And that they be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sign'd)

GEORGE A. BAKER,

STEPHEN W. SMITH,

NATH. R. POTTS,

} Committee.

Philadelphia,

Novem^r 1, 1821.

Which report was adopted.

The R. W. Grand Master was announced and received with the usual honors.

The Committee appointed to ascertain whether Bro. John B. Gibson is or is not a Member of this Grand Lodge made report which was read and is as follows:

The Committee appointed by the R. W. Grand Master, at the last Meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge to enquire whether Brother John B. Gibson at the period of his election to be R. W. D. G. M. was in fact a Member of this R. W. Grand Lodge, very respectfully report:

That having with the rest of their Brethren, a perfect confidence in the masonic candour and personal integrity of brother Gibson, Your Committee deemed it respectful and proper to await his arrival in this City, which had been expected and did take place some days after their appointment, in order first to apprise him of their object and duty, and to obtain from him if possible, the information they desired. Your Committee believe that this measure of becoming delicacy has not been attended by any loss of time. Owing to the unexpected absence of a Member of Your Committee, no formal Communication was made to Brother Gibson until Friday last, but to that Communication a reply was at once received. Copies of both letters are hereunto annexed and respectfully submitted to your consideration.

Your Committee have considered themselves restricted by the language and spirit of their appointment to the examination of a mere fact, and have not, therefore, turned their attention to any speculative reasoning on the effect and operation of any precise rule, resolution or Bye Law of this Grand Lodge. If to have been the Worshipful Master of Wilkesbarre Lodge, N^o 61, for two successive years, and so returned to this R. W. Grand Lodge, and from the period when he ceased to be the Master of said Lodge, to have continued a Member, undismitted, unexpelled, not resigning or in any way withdrawing from the same, and thereto responsible for dues to the present moment, entitle brother Gibson to Membership in this R. W. Grand Lodge, Your Committee feel no scruple in reporting that he is so entitled. It is however proper, distinctly to state that Your Committee have acted altogether upon the Communication made to them by Brother Gibson only.

They have looked into the records of the R. W. Grand Lodge, and although they there found that Brother Gibson was admitted a Member of Lodge N^o 61, at Wilkesbarre, prior to the 24th March, 1814, was returned as Master of the same on 27 Dec., 1814, so also on the following Dec., 1815, and on the 1st January, 1817, as Past Master; Yet in December, 1817, and from that time to the present, he has neither been

returned as Member, nor is, for any cause, or in any manner, dismissed or resigned from said Lodge. From these records therefore nothing satisfactory could be adduced. As your Committee could never concede that the mere omission of his name in the return of Lodge N^o. 61, can operate so as to deprive him of Membership, but on the contrary are inclined to the conclusion that not being returned as affirmatively resigned, suspended or expelled, or in any way rejected, he must still be considered a Member, and the omission of his name ascribed to mistake or irregularity.

Although thus ready to make known with profound respect to this R. W. Grand Lodge their own views on the subject of their inquiry, should different ones be entertained by the R. W. G. Lodge, and the masonic declarations of Brother Gibson be deemed unsatisfactory, Your Committee will have to beg further time for additional scrutiny, and to enable them to write to and hear from the Officers of Lodge N^o. 61, at Wilkes-barre.

All which is respectfully submitted,

SAM. F. BRADFORD,
G. M. DALLAS.

The Letter from the Committee to Brother Gibson with his answer were also read. When

On Motion of Brother Kittera and Seconded,

Resolved, that Brother John B. Gibson is now a Member of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at 11 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday the 7th January next at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S DAY, Philadelphia, Thursday, Decem^r
27, A. D. 1821, A. L. 5821.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communi-
cation.

Present :

Bro. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master, P. T.

“ James Harper, jun^r, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ Thomas Kittera, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Henry Benner, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ T. B. Freeman, D. G. Secretary, P. T.

“ Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Robert De Silver, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

Rev^d. Bro. William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Thomas Jones, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

“ Anthony Fannen, Grand Marshal, P. T.

“ Emmor T. Weaver, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ John B. Gibson. R. W. D. G. Master elect.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 73, 81, 84, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 128, 131, 135, 139, 141, 165 and 172 represented.

Twenty Seven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened at 11 o'clock in the forenoon in Form, the R. W. Senior Grand Warden being in the Chair.

The following Returns, &c., from Lodges were presented and read, Viz :

Lodge No 2, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of J—— D——.

Lodge No 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of dues.

Lodge No 19, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members and Account of dues. The return of Members, containing the expulsion of M—— C——, I—— H——, H—— M—— and H—— S——. Also, a Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws for examination.

Lodge No 51, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of dues.

Lodge No 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Ac-

count of Dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of J—— R. J——, for non payment of dues, and the reinstatement of Andrew Boon.

Lodge No. 61, held at Wilkesbarre. Election Return. It not appearing that the Brother returned as W. Master had served as a Warden of said Lodge, or had been Master of some Lodge before, said return was ordered to be laid on the table.

Lodge No. 70, held at Athens, Bradford County. Election Return of Decem^r. 1818 and 1819. Account of dues for 1818, 1819 and 1820. Return of Members for 1818, 1819 and 1820, also the expulsion of C—— P—— and the Suspension of E—— B——, for misconduct, and of J—— D——, T—— B—— and T—— B——, for non payment of dues.

Lodge No. 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the suspension of D—— C——, for non payment of dues.

Lodge No. 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of dues. Return of Members.

Lodge No. 73, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge No. 81, held at Germantown. Election Return.

Lodge No. 82, held at Milford, Pike County. Election Return from 1809 to 1816, also of 1820. Account of dues from Decr. 27, 1820 to 24 June, 1821. Return of Members. Also, the expulsion of R—— S——, B—— S——, D—— B——, D—— S——, A—— N——, J—— V——, J—— I. R——, P—— M——, W—— M——, N—— D——, E—— W——, G—— B——, I—— C——, I—— M. D——, J—— V——, J—— I. W——, for non payment of dues, and the rejection of L—— C——, J—— C—— and J—— C——. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee of Bye Laws for examination. A Communication containing a statement of the situation of said Lodge, and praying to be exonerated from the payment of certain dues, was also read and referred to Brothers James Harper, jun., William Mandry and Isaac P. Cole, to inquire and make report.

Lodge N^o. 84, held at Somerset. Election Returns from 1815 to 1820. Account of dues from 24 June, 1814 to 24 June, 1821. Returns of Members for same period, containing the expulsion of S—— T—— and J—— B——, for unmasonic conduct, also the rejection of J—— J. S——, alias S——, J—— S—— and D—— R. M^cA——.

Lodge N^o. 91, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of dues. Return of Members, containing the reinstatement of S—— S——.

Lodge N^o. 113, held at Pittsburgh. Election Returns for 1818, 1819 and 1820. Returns of Members for 1819 and 1820.

Lodge N^o. 119, held in Harford Township, Susquehanna County. Return of Members. An application was also received and read from said Lodge, praying for an exoneration of their dues, was referred to Brothers James Harper, jun., William Mandry and Isaac P. Cole, to inquire and make report.

Lodge N^o. 121, held at Philadelphia. Sundry amendments to the Bye Laws of said Lodge were presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws for examination.

Lodge N^o. 125, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of dues.

Lodge N^o. 126, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of dues, also the expulsion of J—— C. K—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N^o. 127, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of dues. Return of Members, containing the reinstatement of I—— G. H—— and F—— S——.

Lodge N^o. 128, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of dues. Return of Members, also the reinstatement of J—— B. H——.

Lodge N^o. 131, held at Philadelphia. Sundry amendments to the Bye Laws of said Lodge were presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws for examination. Also communication of the suspension of J—— B——, J—— G. T——, J—— H. H—— and C—— S—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N^o. 135, held at Roxborough. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of dues.

Lodge N^o. 136, held at Abington. Election Return. Account of dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of J—— D—— and A—— H——, and the reinstatement of S—— F——.

Lodge N^o. 154, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the suspension of W—— O——, B—— M^cC——, D—— E——, J—— W——, J—— S—— and J—— A. S—— for non payment of dues. Also, a Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 154, was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws for examination.

Lodge N^o. 139, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of dues. Return of Members, containing the suspension of A—— B——, T—— C——, J—— H——, W—— L——, G—— M—— and M—— C——, the expulsion of J—— D—— and the rejection of J. J. C—— and J—— K——.

Lodge N^o. 152, held at Easton. Election Return.

Lodge N^o. 162, held at N. London Cross roads, Chester County. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of dues.

Lodge N^o. 173, held at Lawrenceville, Alleghany C^o. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of dues. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws for examination.

The Committee of Correspondence to whom was referred the Communication from the Grand Lodge of the State of Maine, made report which was read and is as follows, to wit:

Philadelphia, Dec. 1, 1821.

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee of Correspondence to whom was referred a Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Maine,

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully perused the documents committed to them and find that upon the erection of the district of Maine into an independent State, the Masonic Lodges located



therein, and which were formerly under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, did, on the 1st June, 1820, assemble at Portland and with the consent and concurrence of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, erect themselves into an independent Lodge for the state of Maine, the Officers elect having been duly installed by the R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

They therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution :

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Secretary be directed to write a fraternal and respectful letter to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maine, congratulating them on so auspicious an event as their erection into an independent Grand Lodge, and requesting a continuance of their brotherly correspondence.

(Sign'd) W^m. M^cCORKLE.

NATⁿ. R. POTTS.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee of Correspondence to whom was referred the Communication from the Grand Lodge lately established in the City of Havana, in the Island of Cuba, made report which was read and is as follows, to wit :

Philadelphia, Dec. 1, 1821.

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee of Correspondence to whom was referred sundry Communications, announcing the establishment of a Spanish Grand Lodge in the Island of Cuba,

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the documents submitted to them, and find that the situation of Masonry in Cuba was such as to justify the erection of a Grand Lodge there, if practicable, on principles of the soundest masonic policy. That accordingly on the 25th, 26th, 28th, 29th and 30th November, 1820, five Lodges located in Havana (three of whom were under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, one under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina and one under the Jurisdiction of the

Grand Lodge of Louisiana) assembled in Convention, and after due deliberation, judged it best for the interests of Masonry to organize themselves as an independent Grand Lodge. Their papers and documents appear to be regular, and they are anxious to obtain the approbation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to their proceedings.

The Committee therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution :

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Secretary be directed to write a fraternal and respectful letter to the Spanish Grand Lodge in Cuba, conveying to them the sanction and recognition of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, who still views them with a paternal eye, wishing them success, harmony and peace in the work of Charity and Love, and requesting a continuance of their brotherly correspondence.

W^m. McCORKLE,
NATHⁿ. R. POTTS.

Which report was adopted.

On Motion, the application from the Medical Society read in Grand Lodge on the 17th instant, was referred to Brothers Frederick Erringer, Benjamin A. Meredith and William Boyd, to inquire and make report.

An application signed by Horace Binney and John M. Scott, on behalf of the City Dancing Assembly, was received and read, requesting permission to open the avenue to the Masonic Hall for the admission of carriages.

When on Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that said Application be referred to the Hall Committee with instructions to comply if practicable with the request, taking care that no injury result to the Grand Lodge from any arrangement which they may enter into.

The R. W. Grand Master being announced, was received with the usual honors.

So much of the Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication as relates to the election of Grand Officers was read, and thereupon the following Grand Officers elect were severally installed into their respective offices in ancient and

solemn form, and being duly proclaimed, they received the cordial and accustomed salutations of the Brethren.

Brother Josiah Randall, R. W. Grand Master.

“ John B. Gibson, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ James Harper, jun., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Thomas Kittera, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments, to wit :

Bro. Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev^d Bro. William Rodgers, } Grand Chaplains.
 “ “ George Potts, }

Bro. Thomas Amies, } Grand Stewards.
 “ William Wray, }

“ James McAlpin, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ Elhanan W. Keyser, Grand Marshal.

“ Robert R. Bell, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Committee, Viz :

Bro. Thomas F. Gordon, }
 “ Tristram B. Freeman, } Committee of Correspondence.
 “ James W. Murray, }

“ William Page, }
 “ Mark Richards, } Committee of Accounts.
 “ Robert Toland, }

“ George A. Baker, }
 “ Nathan R. Potts, } Committee to examine the Bye
 “ Stephen W. Smith, } Laws of the subordinate Lodges.

“ Emmor T. Weaver, }
 “ Thomas S. Manning, } Committee to examine the
 “ Calvin Mason, } transactions of the last year
 “ Frederick Erringer, } and select for publication.

“ Thomas Harper, }
 “ George W. Jones, } Hall Committee.
 “ Robert De Silver, }
 “ William F. Seeger, }

Bro. Joseph S. Lewis,	}	Committee of Charity.
“ Bernard Dahlgreen,		
“ Joseph R. Hopkins,		
“ Anthony Fannen,		
“ David H. Mason,		

The Grand Secretary reappointed Brother Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary, which appointment was unanimously approved of by the Grand Lodge.

On Motion and Seconded, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Whereas, this Grand Lodge entertaining the most lively sense of gratitude for the many services rendered to the Craft by Brother Bayse Newcomb, Esquire, R. W. Past Grand Master, in the various situations which he has held among the fraternity, and particularly for the zeal, ability and impartiality with which he discharged the arduous and important duties of Grand Master, do therefore resolve, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be affectionately tendered to Brother Bayse Newcomb, R. W. Past Grand Master, and that he be presented with a Past Grand Master's Jewell of gold of superior beauty with appropriate hanging and apron.

Resolved, that the Grand Officers be a Committee to carry the foregoing Resolution into effect.

Brother Newcomb thanked the Grand Lodge for the Vote of a Jewell, but declined accepting it on account of the State of the finances of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at a quarter past 12 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 7th, A. D. 1822, A. L. 5822.
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

- Bro. James Harper, jun., R. W. Deputy Grand Master, P. T.
 “ Thomas Kittera, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
 “ Bernard Dahlgreen, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
 “ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
 “ Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
 “ Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.
 “ Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.
 “ Joseph R. Hopkins, Junior Grand Deacon.
 “ James McAlpin, Grand Sword Bearer.
 “ Elhanan W. Keyser, Grand Marshal.
 “ Robert R. Bell, Grand Pursuivant.
 “ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 73, 75, 84, 91, 114, 115, 121,
 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139, 141, 152, 155, 158, 161, 165, 167,
 172 and 175 represented.

Thirty four Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at half past Six o'clock in the Evening.

Brother Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer, was installed into office according to ancient usage, and being proclaimed, received the accustomed salutations of the Brethren.

The Committee of Accounts made report on the Account of George A. Baker, Grand Secretary, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

We, the Committee of Accounts of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,
 Respectfully Report,

That We have carefully examined the within Account of the Grand Secretary from December 27, 1819 to December 27, 1820, and are of opinion the same is correct, leaving a balance of Fifteen Dollars thirty three Cents due the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM PAGE, } Committee of
 E. W. KEYSER, } Accounts.

Philad^a. Novem. 2, 1821,
 Which report was adopted.

The Committee of Accounts made report on the Account of

George A. Baker, Grand Secretary, for the payment of interest on the Masonic Loans which was read and is as follows, Viz :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee of Accounts, respectfully Report,

That we have carefully examined the within Account of George A. Baker, Grand Secretary, in Account with the Grand Lodge for interest on the Masonic Loans, and find the same correct, leaving a balance of interest uncalled for of ninety-nine dollars, which was deposited in Stephen Girard's Bank as per Bank Book exhibited to us.

Philadelphia, 2nd Novem^r. 1821.

WILLIAM PAGE, } Committee of
E. W. KEYSER, } Accounts.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee of Accounts made report on the Accounts of Joseph S. Lewis, Grand Treasurer, which was read and is as follows :

We, the Committee of Accounts of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,

Respectfully Report,

That we have carefully examined the within account of Joseph S. Lewis, Grand Treas^r. from Decem^r. 27, 1819, to Decem^r. 27th, 1820, and are of opinion the same is correct, leaving a balance due the G. L. of Twenty-three hundred and eighteen dollars and sixty-nine Cents.

WILLIAM PAGE, } Committee of Accts.
E. W. KEYSER, }

Philadelphia, Nov. 2, 1821.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee of Accounts made report on the Account of Joseph S. Lewis, Grand Treasurer, in Acc^t with the New Loan which was read and is as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee of Accounts

Respectfully Report,

That the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, as stated to be

subscribed in the account hereunto annexed, is credited by the building Committee in their Account with the Grand Lodge.

Philadelphia, 2nd Nov^r, 1821.

WILLIAM PAGE, }
E. W. KEYSER, } Committee.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Accounts made report on the Account of Bernard Dahlgreen for the Gas Committee, which was read and is as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee to whom was referred the Acct. of Bernard Dahlgreen for the Gas Committee beg leave to report that they have examined said Account and Vouchers and find it correct.

(Sign'd) E. W. KEYSER, }
MARK RICHARDS, } Committee of Accts.

Phil^a, Dec. 17, 1821.

Which report was adopted.

The Account of Bro. Joseph S. Lewis, Grand Treasurer, commencing on the 27th December, 1820, and ending on the 27th December, 1821, was presented and referred to the Committee of Accounts for examination.

The Committee of Correspondence made report on the Communication from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, relative to the establishment of a Masonic Hospital in the City of New Orleans, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

Philadelphia, Dec. 1, 1821.

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee of Correspondence to whom was referred the Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana respecting the establishment of a Masonic Hospital in New Orleans,

Respectfully Report,

That taking into view the late calamitous destruction of

the Hall of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania by fire, and the subsequent erection of a New Hall, at a great expense to the Brethren, it is out of the power of this Grand Lodge to do more than to express their best wishes that the philanthropic views of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana may be carried into effect.

They therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution :

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Secretary be directed to forward a Copy of this report to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

WM. McCORKLE,
NAT^N. R. POTTS.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee appointed to apply to the City Councils to pass an ordinance to authorize the Grand Lodge to lay pipes along the public Streets for the conveyance and distribution of Gas made report which was read and laid on the table.

The following Returns, &c., of Lodges were presented, Viz :
Lodge N^o. 9, held at Philadelphia. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws for examination.

Lodge N^o. 50, held at West Chester. Election Return. Account of dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of J—— G. B—— and J—— R——, for non payment of dues.

Lodge N^o. 59, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of W—— K——.

Lodge N^o. 64, held at Greensburg. Election Return. Return of Members, containing the rejection of W—— H——, J—— B—— and A—— M——.

Lodge N^o. 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of dues. Return of Members. Also, a resolution amending the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws for examination.

Lodge N^o. 69, held in the Borough of Chester. Election Return.

Lodge N^o. 81, held at Germantown. Account of dues. Return of Members, containing the re-instatement of P—— M—— and E—— T——.

Lodge N^o. 123, held in the borough of York. Account of dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of W—— H. B——.

Lodge N^o. 106, held at Williamsport, Lycoming Coty. Election Return.

Lodge N^o. 144, held at Milton. Election Return. Account of dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of T—— F—— and the suspension of J—— T——, J—— M——, J—— M—— and J—— S——.

Lodge N^o. 151, held at Allentown. Election Return. Account of dues. Return of Members.

Lodge N^o. 158, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of J—— I——.

Lodge N^o. 165, held at Pittsburgh. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of dues.

Lodge N^o. 172, held at Lebanon. Election Return. Account of dues. Return of Members, containing the reinstatement of Thomas D. Martin.

Lodge N^o. 179, held in Pike County. Return to dispensation to Constitute said Lodge was received and read whereby it appeared that said Lodge was duly constituted on the 22nd December, 1821.

A Petition was received and read from divers ancient York Master Masons praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge at St Jago, in the Island of Cuba.

When on Motion the consideration thereof was postponed.

A Petition was received and read from Jacob Crumback, stating that he had made application to Lodge N^o. 139 to become a Mason, that the Committee appointed to investigate his Character made a favourable report upon which he was balloted for, when it appeared there was one black ball against him; that believing himself to be of a good moral Character which he is willing should undergo the strictest scrutiny, and has every reason to believe that the black ball

being put in must have originated from the Member having mistaken him for another person, he therefore prayed that the said Lodge would be allowed the privilege of reconsidering his case and again balloting for him or taking such steps therein as they may deem proper.

The said Petition was recommended by Lodge N^o. 139, and by a considerable number of the Members thereof.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that Lodge N^o. 139 be authorized to reconsider the ballot taken in the case of Jacob Crumback as applicant to said Lodge for Initiation into the Mysteries of Free Masonry.

A Petition was received and read from Israel E. James, complaining of the illegality of the election of William Baker as Secretary of Lodge N^o. 67, and praying the Grand Lodge to appoint a Committee to examine the case. Which was referred to Brothers Henry Hom, George Russel and George H. Burgin to enquire and make report.

A Communication from the Hall Committee in the words following was received and read and ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania :

The Hall Committee beg leave respectfully to Report,

That on the 19th of September last, with the advice and consent of the R. W. Grand Master and the R. W. Senior Grand Warden, they rented the room on the lower Story formerly occupied by the Building Committee as an office, to James Bennett, Accountant, until the 1st May next ensuing for Five Dollars per Week, without Fire or Candles, to occupy said room for the purpose of lecturing upon Book-Keeping, one hour each evening of the Week, Saturdays and Sundays excepted. The rent to commence on the 24 of said Month.

This day James Bennett called on us and paid Sixty-five Dollars for 13 Weeks rent due the 24th instant and informed us that in consequence of an intended visit to Baltimore he wished to give up the room by paying ten Dollars additional.

The Committee not feeling authorized to relinquish the contract, respectfully submit the case to the R. W. G. Lodge.

They have also rented the same room on the Saturday following the Second Friday in each Month to the Accountants Society of Pennsylvania at two dollars per night, and the G. L. finding the light and fuel, and on extra Meetings for One Dollar twenty-five Cents per night, commencing the 12th November, since which time for Stated and extra Meetings there is due Eight Dollars twenty-five Cents.

The time for which we were appointed having nearly expired, the Secretary is directed to place in the hands of the R. W. Grand Secretary the Book of Minutes and Accounts with their Vouchers. And the balance of Monies amounting to Eleven Dollars Eighteen Cents to pay to the Grand Treasurer.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. McALPIN,
ANTH^r. FANNEN,
BRITTⁿ. WHITE, ju.,
BENJAMIN SAY,
SAMUEL WEBB.

December 26th, 1821.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that Mr. Bennett be excused from the further continuance of his Lease entered into with the said Hall Committee.

Brother Dahlgren asked and obtained leave to withdraw the following resolution laid by him on the table on the 5th March, 1821:

Resolved, that a Committee of five be appointed to consider and report what measures, if any, be necessary to restrict admissions to or extend expulsions from our order, or generally to preserve the respectability of Free Masonry.

Brother Samuel Webb offered the following resolution which was laid on the table:

Resolved, that the Accounts of the late Hall Committee as well as all succeeding Hall Committees shall be referred to a select Committee whose duty it shall be to examine and report thereon within two Months after the term of office of such Committee shall have expired.

A Communication in the words following was received and read from Samuel Webb, late Superintendent of the Masonic Hall.

Philad^a. 1 Mo. 7th, 1822.

In the winter of 1819 I purchased a stove for the Hall from F. Kalisky who warranted the same; shortly after it cracked with the heat, of course the balance was not paid. He wrote to the Manufacturer in Germany requesting him to send us a new Cylinder, which he declines, and requires F. Kalisky to pay him the whole sum.

On the 4th of this Month I received a Letter from F. Kalisky informing me he should sue me for said balance if it is not soon paid.

Now as the Grand Lodge will be the true defendant in that case, I thought it my duty to give them this timely notice and request them to say what steps shall be taken in relation thereto.

Respectfully,

I remain yours, &c.,

SAMUEL WEBB, late superintendent
of the Masonic Hall.

To the Grand Lodge
of Pennsylvania.

On Motion said Communication was referred to Brothers Henry G. Freeman, John Uhle and Samuel Black.

The report of the Committee of a plan of organization of a board of finances, was taken up for consideration, read, amended, adopted as amended, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed to report a plan of organization of a board of finances beg leave to report the following resolutions comprising that object, viz:

Resolved, that a standing Committee of five Members be appointed whose duties shall be

To examine and report on all Accounts of Monies received or paid which may be laid before them.

To report to the Grand Lodge at every Grand Quarterly Communication an abstract of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Lodge during the past quarter.

To report on every first Monday in December an estimate of the probable disbursements of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, together with a statement of the sinking fund as well as of the debts due to and from the Grand Lodge, and such other matter as they may deem necessary to give a correct view of the actual state of the finances.

To inform themselves relative to the state of the sinking fund and its management, and to make such communications respecting the same as to them may seem proper or necessary, and

To recommend to Grand Lodge from time to time such measures as they may deem necessary or salutary for the proper economy of the funds of the Grand Lodge, for the collection of outstanding debts or the increase of the revenues of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that each appropriation by the Grand Lodge after having considered the estimate above referred to, shall be fixed as the amount beyond which the officer or Committee charged with the disbursement thereof shall not be permitted to draw on the Grand Treasurer during that year, and the said officer or Committee may draw for the same in such instalments as their wants may require or as may be stipulated in the vote of appropriation by Grand Lodge, Provided the drafts shall be first attested by the Chairman of the Committee of finances and approved by the R. W. Grand Master. And the said Chairman shall record all such drafts in a book to be by him kept for that purpose, which book shall be at all times accessible to the R. W. Grand Master as well as to the Committee of finances.

Resolved, that after the appointment and organization of the Committee of finances no Monies shall be paid by the Grand Treasurer but upon drafts as aforesaid, except it be by a resolution of the Grand Lodge, Certified by the Grand Secretary and recorded by the Chairman of the Committee of finances as aforesaid, or by a draft of the R. W. Grand Master in favour of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Loans according to the terms of said Loans.

Resolved, that the said Committee shall at all times have

access to the Books, Papers and records of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, the Hall Committee, the Gas Committee, or any other officer or Committee which may be intrusted with any Monies belonging to the Grand Lodge, and that the said Officers or Committees shall be at all times bound to give to the said Committee of finances or their Chairman every information in their power in relation to such Monies, and shall account to the said Committee of finances quarterly.

Resolved, that after the organization of the Committee of finances all matters relating to the finances of the Grand Lodge which may be brought under its consideration, shall be referred to the said Committee, and by them determined unless the Grand Lodge shall direct them to report thereon.

Resolved, that the Committee of Accounts being superseded by the Committee of finances, the said Committee of Accounts is hereby abolished.

Resolved, that so much of any former regulation of the Grand Lodge as is at variance with any of the foregoing resolutions, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Respectfully submitted by,

JAMES HARPER, ju.,	}	Committee.
JOSEPH S. LEWIS,		
GEORGE A. BAKER,		
BERNARD DAHLGREN,		
JOS. R. HOPKINS,		

Philadelphia, Dec^r. 13th,

A. L. 5821.

Brother Dahlgren read and laid on the table the following resolutions:

Resolved, that five Members be appointed who in conjunction with the R. W. Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, shall be a standing Committee to whom shall be referred all questions touching the ancient Landmarks, Customs and usages of our Order, and the Constitution, rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, that the Committee on the Ahiman Rezon be in-

structed to digest a new code of rules and regulations for the government of this Grand Lodge, whenever they may report the new Ahiman Rezon.

Resolved, that a Committee of Members who are R. Arch Masons be appointed in conjunction with a similar Committee which may be appointed on the part of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter to enquire into the expediency of changing the existing system of government of Royal Arch Masonry, and if found expedient, to digest and report to this Grand Lodge such a system of government of R. A. Masonry as in their opinion may be best calculated to advance the prosperity of R. A. Masonry without impairing the supreme authority of the Grand Lodge over the same, or diminishing the revenues of the Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed the following Brethren a Committee of finances, viz: Bernard Dahlgren, William Page, Mark Richards, Robert Toland and William Mayweg.

The R. W. Grand Master also made the following appointment, to wit:

Brother Thomas Gordon in the place of himself, and Brother Nathan R. Potts in the place of Brother Elliott, (who declined serving,) on the Committee appointed to open a correspondence with the different Grand Lodges relative to effecting a General Grand Convocation, &c.

Brother Elhanan W. Keyser in place of himself, on Committee to whom was referred sundry Communications from Lodge N^o 70, relative to the Royal Arch Degree.

Brother T. B. Freeman in place of himself on the Committee to whom was referred the Communication from the Hall Committee relative to the employment of the Watchman to guard the Hall.

On Motion, the report of the Committee of Bye Laws on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 91, read in Grand Lodge on the 17th December last, was recommitted to the same Committee.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 4th, A. D. 1822, A. L. 5822.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Brother JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

“ John B. Gibson, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ James Harper, , ju^r R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Thomas Kittera, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon

“ Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev^d. Bro. William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Brother Jacob Durff, Grand Marshal, P. T.

“ Samuel Wonderly, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

“ John Banks, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

“ Bayse Newcomb, R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ Joseph Burden, R. W. P. S. Grand Warden.

“ W^m. McCorkle, R. W. P. J. Grand Warden.

“ Charles Schneider, Deputy Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 62, 67, 71, 72, 73, 81, 91, 75, 114, 115, 121, 123, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139, 141, 147, 152, 155, 158, 161, 165, 167, 172 and 175 represented.

Thirty Nine Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication and of Meetings held since were read and approved.

A Commission was received from Lodge N^o 61, appointing Brother John B. Gibson, Proxy, to represent said Lodge in the Grand Lodge.

When on Motion and Seconded, Brother Gibson was recognized as Proxy for said Lodge.

A Commission was received from Lodge N^o 174, appointing Brother William McCorkle, Proxy, to represent said Lodge in the Grand Lodge.

When on Motion, Bro. McCorkle was recognized as Proxy of said Lodge.

On Motion, Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on the application of M^r. Guillou requesting a reduction of the Annual rent paid by him, and claiming an allowance for the interruption he met with in occupying the banquetting room during the erection of the Gas Apparatus, &c.

When the same being under consideration it was on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Lodge will not agree to any abatement in the annual rent stipulated for in the Lease to Victor Guillou.

Resolved, that the claim made by M^r. Guillou for an allowance for damage, sustained as he alledged by delay in getting possession of the Hall and from other causes be referred to a Committee of five Members with full power finally to arrange and settle the Account, and that the papers and report of the former Committee on the same be referred to the Committee now to be appointed.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be desired to furnish M^r. Guillou with a Copy of the foregoing resolutions and a List of the Names of the Committee who may be appointed.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Joseph S. Lewis, Bernard Dahlgren, Richard Povall, Edward King and David E. Wilson a Committee for the above purpose.

Brother Lewis, Proxy for Lodges N^o 161 and 167 held at the Havana, stated that he had been informed that great irregularities existed in the said Lodges, which rendered the interference of the Grand Lodge necessary. He therefore offered the following resolution :

Resolved, that the Right Worshipful Grand Master be requested to take such measures as he may deem necessary and proper regarding Lodges N^o 161 and 167, and to cause the surrender of their Warrants to this Grand Lodge.

Brother Newcomb, R. W. Past Grand Master, stated that during the last summer he had made a visitation to the following Lodges, viz : N^o 62, held at Reading ; N^o 75, held at Charlestown Township, Chester County ; N^o 94, held at New Hope, Coryell's Ferry, Bucks County ; N^o 138, held at

Orwigsburg, Schuylkill County ; N^o 151, held at Allentown, Lehigh County ; N^o 152, held at Easton, Northampton County ; N^o 168, held at Doylestown, Bucks County, and N^o 171, held at Pottstown, Montgomery County.

An Account was presented from the Committee of Charity exhibiting the sums received and paid by the Treasurer, which was ordered to be filed.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that several Lodges in different parts of the State had complained to him that the sum of Ten Dollars charged for Dispensations, more particularly for those to pass the Chair, was too high, and precluded many Brethren from obtaining Dispensations to Pass the Chair, who were anxious to receive the Royal Arch Degree, and that they wished him to bring the subject before the Grand Lodge in order that the case of these Brethren might be taken into consideration and the price of Dispensations reduced.

The following Resolution was then offered :

Resolved, that the price of Dispensations be reduced to five Dollars.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that said Resolution be referred to the Committee of finances to inquire into the expediency of reducing the price of Dispensations and that they make report at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

A Petition was received and read from Lodge N^o 25, held at Bristol, stating in substance that owing to circumstances not within the control of the Lodge their situation became extremely embarrassing, in consequence of which the Lodge ceased to operate from St^t John's, Decem^r. 1819, to St^t John's, Decem^r. 1821, that the Lodge was however again organized on St^t John's, Decem^r. 1821, and they humbly request the Grand Lodge to sanction their proceedings and also request a remission of their dues to the Grand Lodge for the time they were not in operation.

Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the proceedings reorganizing Lodge N^o 25

be sanctioned, and that the dues which accrued during the suspension of the labours of the Lodge be remitted.

Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the resolution laid on the table the 4th June, 1821, to reconsider the resolution adopted on the 4th March, 1821, relative to the admission of Visitors, when on the question being taken on the resolution to reconsider, it was decided in the affirmative.

The original resolution being under consideration, on the question being put, shall this resolution be adopted? It was decided in the Negative.

Brother Pierce laid on the table a resolution relative to issuing Warrants to hold Mark Lodges.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock P. M., to meet again on Monday the 1st April next, at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 1st, A. D. 1822, A. L. 5822.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

- " John B. Gibson, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- " James Harper, jun., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- " Joseph R. Hopkins, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
- " William F. Seeger, Deputy Grand Secretary.
- " Michael Nisbet, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " Sam. H. Perkins, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " James McAlpin, Grand Sword Bearer.
- " John Thomas, Grand Marshal, P. T.
- " Robert R. Bell, Grand Pursuivant.
- " Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. P. Grand Master.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 73, 75, 91, 114, 115, 121, 123, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139, 141, 147, 152, 155, 158, 160, 161, 165, 61, 167, 172 and 175 represented.

Thirty Seven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The R. W. Grand Master announced that since the last meeting of the Grand Lodge our venerable and respected Brother Israel Israel, Esquire, late R. W. Past Grand Master, had departed this life, and that his remains were interred in Masonic form with all due order and solemnity, and suggested the propriety of the Grand Lodge taking some order to express their respect for the memory and character of the deceased.

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted :

Whereas, this Grand Lodge entertaining the highest respect for the memory of Our deceased Brother Israel Israel, Esquire, late R. W. Past Grand Master, and feeling grateful for many essential services rendered by him to the fraternity in the various situations he has filled, and the zeal with which he promoted the interests of the order as well of the whole family of mankind during a long and useful life, therefore,

Resolved, that the Jewells, hangings and other furniture of this Grand Lodge be placed in mourning for the space of Six Months, as a testimonial of respect for the memory of Our deceased Brother Israel Israel, Esquire, late R. W. Past Grand Master.

The Petition praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge at St Jago de Cuba, read in Grand Lodge on the 7th January last, and the consideration thereof postponed was taken up for consideration and read ; it stated in substance that the Petitioners were Master Masons and were desirous of forming a New Lodge to be held in the City of St Jago in the Island of Cuba, to be called "the True Philanthropy," and prayed for a Warrant for that purpose, and that Bro. Jose Francis Collaro might be named W. Master ; Bro. Manuel Duharte, Senior Warden, and Bro. Antonio Abad Collaro, Junior Warden of the same. When on Motion of Brother Lewis and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Petition for a New Lodge at St Jago de Cuba be granted with an understanding that if the Grand Lodge at Havana shall object thereto the Warrant shall be superseded and the fees returned.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary communicate to the Grand Lodge at the Havana the foregoing resolution, and request the needful information on the subject.

The Grand Secretary was directed to make out a Warrant accordingly, and to Number the same 181.

A report and account was received from the Trustees of the Masonic Loans, and read and ordered to be entered on the Minutes and is as follows, to wit :

At a Stated Meeting of the Trustees of the Masonic Loans held at the Hall of the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia, on Monday, January 7th A. D. 1822, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

A Certificate or return of an election held this morning for the purpose of electing from among the Stockholders, Six persons to serve in conjunction with the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer as Trustees of the said Loans for one year from this day, and until a new Board shall be elected on the first Monday in January, 1823, was read, whereby it appeared that Edward Burd, Thomas M^cEuen, Stephen Girard, Thomas F. Leaming, Thomas Hale and James M^cAlpin were duly elected.

The Board proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, when

Edward Burd, Esquire, was elected President.

George A. Baker, Secretary, and

Thomas M^cEuen, Esquire, Treasurer.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that a Copy of the Accounts of the Board of Trustees laid before the Stockholders this morning at their annual Meeting be transmitted to the Grand Lodge for their information.

Extract from the Minutes.

GEORGE A. BAKER, Secretary to the
Board of Trustees of the Masonic
Loans.

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The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in Account with the Trustees of the Masonic Loans.			
1821.		1821.	
Decr. 31.	To the Old Account for balance due Thomas McEuen, Treasurer of the Board for amount advanced by him. \$29.	Jany. 6.	By Cash received 6 Months Interest on 142 Shares of Masonic Loan due 1 st In- stant \$426.
1821.		Febr. 1.	By ditto received 6 Months dividend on 40 Sh ^{rs} . of Farmer's and Mechanick's Bank Stock due 1 st January last . . . 60.
Jany. 16.	To Cash paid for 1 Share of Masonic Loan at par 100.	July 7.	By ditto received 6 Months Interest on 147 Shares of Masonic Loan due the 1 st instant 441.
May 8.	To ditto " " 1 Share of ditto at par and interest 102 102.	13.	By ditto received 6 Months Interest on 40 Shares of Farmer's and Mechanick's Bank Stock due 1 st instant 60.
" 15.	To ditto " " Three Shares of ditto 101 and int. 6.75 309.75	Decr. 31.	By balance due Thomas McEuen, Treas- urer of the Board for amount advanced by him 66.25
July 9.	To ditto " " Five Shares of ditto \$102.50 512.50		<u>\$1068.25</u>
			<u><u>\$1068.25</u></u>
1821.		1821.	
Decr. 31.	To the New Account for balance due Thomas McEuen, Treasurer \$36.25		
			<u>\$36.25</u>

The sinking fund now consists of the following stock, viz :
152 Shares of Masonic Loan with interest thereon from the
1st July, 1821.

40 Shares of Farmer's and Mechanick's Bank Stock with
dividend thereon from the 1 July, 1821.

Philadelphia, January 1st 1822.

Errors and Omissions Excepted,

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

The above is submitted for
the information of the
Stockholders of the Ma-
sonic Loans.

A Commission was received and read from Lodge N^o 176,
appointing Brother Bernard Dahlgren, Proxy, to represent
said Lodge in the Grand Lodge.

Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded,

Brother Dahlgren was recognized as Proxy for said Lodge.

On Motion and Seconded, the Accounts of the Building,
Gas and furnishing Committees were referred to the Commit-
tee of finances for examination.

The following accounts were presented and referred to
Committee of finances for examination, to wit :

The Account of Brother George A. Baker, Grand Secretary,
with the Grand Lodge.

The Account of Brother George A. Baker, Grand Secretary,
for the payment of interest on the Masonic Loans.

The Account of Brother George A. Baker, as Secretary and
Treasurer of the Committee of Arrangement of the Masonic
Procession at the consecration and dedication of the Hall.

The Accounts of the late Hall Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the claim made by
M^r. Guillou for damages, with full power to arrange and settle
the account with him, made report which was read and is as
follows, to wit :

The Committee to whom was referred on the 4 March the
resolutions of the Grand Lodge (hereto annexed) in relation
to M^r. Guillou, beg leave respectfully to report :

That after a full conference with him they agreed to allow him the sum of Three Hundred Dollars, and that in consequence thereof M^r. Guillou has paid the balance of Rent due from him in full to the 20 instant.

The Committee offer the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, that the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge on the 4 March, 1822, to confer with M^r. Guillou be discharged.

March 26, 1822.

(Sign'd)

JOSEPH S. LEWIS,
BERNARD DAHLGREN,
RICHARD POVALL,
EDWARD KING,
DAV. E. WILSON.

Which report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication from Bro. Webb, respecting the Stove purchased of F. Kalisky, made report which was read and is as follows, to wit:

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of Brother Samuel Webb, late Superintendent, respecting a stove purchased for the Hall from M^r. F. Kalisky, beg leave to report:

That they have attended to the duty assigned them and find that about three years since Brother Webb purchased for the Hall from said Kalisky a China Stove at the price of Seventy five Dollars, to be paid for upon delivery. Twenty Dollars of this amount was paid for at the time, but the balance has ever since remained unpaid. There exists considerable difficulty upon the part of your Committee to arrive at any conclusion as to whether at the time of purchase Brother Webb represented himself as agent for the Hall Committee or not, and also if any, what warranty existed in relation to the stove standing the heat requisite, as Brother Webb and M^r. Kalisky differ upon these points. It however appears that the stove after being put up in the Hall and cemented, was heated in the presence of Brother Webb, M^r. Kalisky and several

Members of the Hall Committee, to a degree required at the time without any injury to the stove or objections on the part of any one present. Upon a subsequent occasion, however, the stove after being heated cracked in one part and from this circumstance arose the difficulty and refusal at that time to pay the balance due upon the purchase. Some difference of opinion also prevails as to the cause of this crack, M^r. Kalisky persisting that it arose from the circumstance of the Windows of the Hall having been thrown open after a ball one night, and a current of cold air in consequence coming in contact with the stove while yet heated, and the fact of the windows having been thrown open, M^r. Kalisky states he had at the time from some person in attendance upon that part of the building. To this cause of injury Brother Webb entirely dissents, who has in his possession all the Communications that passed between the parties. It is however certain that the stove has remained in the hall and continually used ever since, during which period various other cracks have taken place and all without producing any inconvenience by the escape of smoke or otherwise; on the contrary from all your committee can learn the stove is full as good for use to the Grand Lodge now as it was the first hour it was purchased except the eye-sores from the cracks. Your Committee have no hesitation in declaring their belief in the good intentions of all parties, while from lapse of time and other circumstances they do not accord in particulars. M^r. Kalisky endeavoured to procure from the Manufacturer in Germany another Cylinder, but without success; he also offered at the time to throw off five dollars out of his own pocket in order to effect a settlement.

Your Committee have very maturely weighed the case submitted to them and considering that the Grand Lodge have had the stove in use for Three years during which time it has received considerable injury while yet answering every purpose except as to beauty, considering also that it would be impossible to remove it from the Hall without total destruction, are decidedly of opinion that M^r. Kalisky should be paid, provided he will make an allowance for loss of beauty to the

stove occasioned by the first crack, about which only there can be any dispute. The Amount claimed by M^r. Kalisky is fifty-five dollars with three years interest thereon. Your Committee are of opinion that the loss of interest together with a deduction of thirteen dollars and thirty three Cents from his bill will afford a full remuneration to the Grand Lodge for the injury occasioned by the first crack, and they believe that M^r. Kalisky would settle upon those terms. They therefore submit the following resolution :

Resolved, that the Grand Master be and he is hereby authorized to draw an order upon the Grand Treasurer in favour of F. Kalisky, for forty one Dollars and sixty seven Cents, provided, nevertheless, said Kalisky will agree to accept of the same in full for any claim he may have for the stove sold Brother Webb.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY G. FREEMAN,
JOHN UHLE.

Phil^a. 1 April, 1822.

Which report and resolution were adopted.

A Petition was received and read from Brother J—— D——, appealing from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o. 139, held at Philadelphia, which was referred to Brothers Richard Povall, James W. Murray and Richard Mansfield, to enquire and make report.

A Petition was received and read from Brother M. Kutzner and others, late Members of the late Lodge N^o. 22, held in the Borough of Sunbury, in the County of Northumberland, stating the causes which produced the dissolution of the said Lodge, and praying the Grand Lodge to revive the Warrant for their benefit and of such as they may think worthy to receive.

On Motion, said Petition was referred to Brothers Samuel F. Bradford, James Harper and Michael Nisbet, to enquire and make report.

A Memorial was received and read from a Committee of Lodge N^o. 61, held at Wilkesbarre, praying the Grand Lodge to affirm the election of Bro. Garrick Mallery as Worshipful

Master of said Lodge, the Members of the Lodge not knowing at the time of his election and installation, that they could not elect a brother to serve as Worshipful Master, unless he had served as a Warden of the Lodge or had been Master of some Lodge before.

Whereupon, on Motion of Brother Dahlgren and Seconded, the following preamble and Resolution were adopted :

Whereas, it appears that Brother Garrick Mallery has been elected Worshipful Master of Lodge N^o 61, without having served as a Warden, and altho' such an election is not in accordance with the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, yet, as it appears that the exigency of the occasion required it, and the interest of the order will be promoted by confirming the election of Brother Garrick Mallery, therefore,

Resolved, that the election of Brother Garrick Mallery as Worshipful Master of Lodge N^o 61, be and is hereby confirmed.

An application was received and read from Lodge N^o 172, held at Lebanon, requesting the Grand Lodge to grant permission to said Lodge to reinstate Joseph Bergleit to the privileges he enjoyed prior to his rejection.

Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that Joseph Bergleit be restored to the privileges he enjoyed prior to his rejection by Lodge N^o 172.

A Letter was received and read from Henry Shippen, S. W. of Lodge N^o 178, held in Huntingdon, on behalf of himself and others appointed a Committee on the Applications of several candidates for initiation, requesting information respecting a candidate who has a personal defect in one of his legs. On Motion, the consideration thereof was postponed for the present.

The R. W. Grand Master laid before Grand Lodge an Account from Faries and M^cAffee amounting to Eight Dollars and 24 Cents for work done by them to the Gas works in August, 1821, by the late Hall Committee, and which the Gas Committee declined paying in consequence of the work not being done by their direction.

Ordered, that the said Account be paid by the Gas Committee.

The following Returns, &c., of Lodges were presented and read, to wit:

Lodge N^o. 3, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members.

Lodge N^o. 21, held at Harrisburg. Election Return.

Lodge N^o. 43, held at Lancaster. Election Return.

Lodge N^o. 45, held at Pittsburg. Election Return. Return of Members.

Lodge N^o. 46, held at Ephrata. Election Returns of 1820 and 1821.

Lodge N^o. 61, held at Wilkesbarre. Account of Dues. Return of Members.

Lodge N^o. 67, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the expulsion of T—— D—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N^o. 102, held at Frankfort. Election Returns of 1820 and 1821. Account of dues. Return of Members.

Lodge N^o. 113, held at Pittsburgh. Election Return. Return of Members.

Lodge N^o. 114, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of S—— G—— and J—— J——; also, Communication of the reinstatement of S—— G——.

Lodge N^o. 115, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of dues. Return of Members, containing the suspension of J—— B. C——, A. V. D. J——, F—— R——, J—— S——, D—— R—— and B—— P——, and that J—— H—— and T—— S—— were struck from the list of Members.

Late Lodge N^o. 103, held at the Havana. Account of dues. Return of Members, containing the rejection of J—— V—— A——, J—— M^a F—— and P—— T——.

Lodge N^o. 121, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members and account of dues.

Lodge N^o. 123, held in the Borough of York. Election Return.

Lodge N^o. 127, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the suspension for non payment of dues of J—— J——, R—— R——, R—— B——, J—— J——, J—— A—— and T—— M—— for non payment of initiation fee and dues.

Lodge N^o. 130, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of dues.

Lodge N^o. 131, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of J—— B——, J—— G. T——, J—— H. H—— and C—— S——.

Lodge N^o. 134, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of T—— P. A—— and R—— M^cK——. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 141, held at Halifax, Dauphin County. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of dues.

Lodge N^o. 143, held at Chambersburg. Election Return. Account of dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of R—— C—— and the rejection of L—— M—— and S—— D——.

Lodge N^o. 147, held at Bethany. Election Return. Account of dues. Return of Members, containing the suspension of J—— B—— and M—— T—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N^o. 155, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of dues. Return of Members, containing the suspension of J—— B——, J—— P. B—— and D—— M^cC——, and reinstatement of V—— V——. Also, Communication of the expulsion of C—— F. W—— for unmasonic conduct.

Late Lodge N^o. 157, held at the Havana. Account of dues. Return of Members.

Lodge N^o. 158, held at Philadelphia. Sundry Amendments and alterations in the Bye Laws of said Lodge were presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws for examination.

Lodge N^o. 168, held at Doylestown. Election Return. Account of dues. Return of Members.

Lodge N^o. 174, held at Downingtown. Election Return.

Lodge N^o. 176, held at Mountpleasant, Westmoreland County. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of dues.

Lodge N^o. 177, held in Pike County. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues. Also, a Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws for examination.

Lodge N^o. 180, held in the town of Jefferson, Green County.

The return to Dispensation to Constitute said Lodge was received and read, whereby it appeared that said Lodge was duly Constituted on the 22nd day of February last.

A return was received and read from Bro. Jose M. Canalejo of Dispensations granted by him, which was ordered to be filed.

The following resolution laid on the table on the 7th January last by Brother Dahlgren was taken up for consideration and adopted.

Resolved, that five Members be appointed who in conjunction with the R. W. Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, shall be a standing Committee to whom shall be referred all questions touching the Ancient Landmarks, Customs and Usages of our Order, and the Constitution, rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following Brethren on the above Committee: Bayse Newcomb, Henry Hom, Henry Benner, Andrew Hooton and Edward King.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Committee appointed to revise and prepare a New edition of the Ahiman Rezon for publication be directed to make report at the Grand Quarterly Communication to be held in June next.

Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the resolution laid on the table on the 7th January last by Bro. Dahlgren relative to the appointment of a Committee to enquire into the expediency of changing the existing system of Government of R. A. Masonry. When on Motion, the said resolution was amended by striking out the last clause which is as follows, "Without impairing the supreme Authority of the "Grand Lodge over the same, or diminishing the revenues of "the Grand Lodge."

On Motion, said Resolution was ordered to be laid on the Table.

Grand Lodge adjourned at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Saturday next, the 6th instant, at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, April 6th, A. D. 1822, A. L. 5822.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

BRO. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

“ John B. Gibson, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ James Harper, jun., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Thomas Kittera, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Anthony Fannen, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ George Russel, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ James McAlpin, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ Elhanan W. Keyser, Grand Marshal.

“ Samuel H. Perkins, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. P. Grand Master.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 8, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 67, 61, 72, 73, 91, 114, 121, 125, 126,
127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139, 141, 147, 155, 152, 165, 172,
176 and 179 represented.

Thirty One Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

Lodge N^o. 128, held at Philadelphia. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws for examination.

Lodge N^o. 163, held at Towanda. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of dues.

Lodge N^o. 179, held in Pike County. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws for examination.

The Committee appointed on the Complaint of Lodge N^o. 177, against Daniel W. Dingman, made report which was read. A Petition was also received and read from John Gustin, jun^r. W. Master of Lodge N^o. 177, praying that a rehearing might be granted in the above case. When on Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the report of the Committee on the Com-

plaint of Lodge N^o. 177, against Daniel W. Dingman and accompanying documents, together with the Petition from the W. Master of Lodge N^o. 177, requesting a rehearing, be re-committed to a select Committee, to enquire wheather a rehearing ought to be granted.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers William Boyd, Samuel Wonderly and Henry Harrison a Committee for the above purpose.

A Communication was received and read from the late officers of Lodge N^o. 154, lately held in the City of Philadelphia, Stating that from various causes they were under the necessity of surrendering the Warrant of the said Lodge, which they tendered for the acceptance of the Grand Lodge, together with the Books, Jewells and other paraphernalia of said Lodge.

Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Surrender of the Warrant of Lodge N^o. 154 be accepted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 9, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for examination the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 9, held at Philadelphia, Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same and recommend the following alterations and amendments, to wit:

In section 2nd. lines 2nd and 3rd strike out "*and after the time of his election,*" and insert "*St. John the Evangelist's day.*"

In section 8th after the word "*Committee*" in the 8th line "*of three Master Masons.*"

In section 9th Strike out all between the words "*unless*" in the 6th line and "*and*" in the 8th line and insert, "*by motion regularly made, seconded and carried for such admission, Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent such motion being founded on the Voucher of a single brother either a Member or a Visitor. The Master for the time being having at all times power to admit such Brethren as he can vouch for.*"

Strike out the whole of Section 11.

Strike out 12th and insert 11.

Strike out 13 and insert 12.

Strike out 14 and insert 13.

And recommend their adoption.

GEORGE A. BAKER, STEPHEN W. SMITH, NAT ^N . R. POTTS,	} Committee.
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Philadelphia,

March 2, 1822.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 19, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Bye Laws to whom was referred for examination the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 19, held at Philadelphia,

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same and recommend their adoption with the following alterations and amendments:

Strike out section the 11th and insert in lieu thereof as follows:

"No Brother shall be admitted to visit unless by Motion regularly made, seconded and carried for such admission. Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent such motion being founded on the Voucher of a single brother either a Member or a Visitor. The Master for the time being having at all times power to admit such Brethren As he can vouch for. When the brother desiring to visit is not known as a Mason a Committee shall be appointed to examine him."

In Article 12th line 21st strike out "*elected a Member*" and insert "*approved of,*" and in the 25th line strike out "*elected*" and insert "*approved of.*"

In Article 13th line 27th strike out approved of and insert "*elected.*"

In Article 14th line 7th strike out "*Lodge*" and insert "*Master*."

Respectfully submitted by

GEORGE A. BAKER,
STEPHEN W. SMITH, } Committee.
NAT^N. R. POTTS,

Philadelphia,
March 2, 1822.

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Amendment to the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 67 submitted to them for examination, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred the amendment to the Bye Laws of Concordia Lodge, N^o. 67, declaring that the Tyler shall be elected at the annual election as the other officers of the Lodge,

Respectfully Report:

That they have carefully attended to the duty assigned them, and are of opinion the amendment proposed ought not to be adopted.

The Bye Laws of the Lodges should conform as closely as possible to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge and the Ancient usages and customs of the Craft.

And in order to preserve as much uniformity as may be practicable in the Bye Laws of the different Lodges, Your Committee make the Ahiman Rezon the Standard by which they test them.

By our Ahiman Rezon it is declared that a Lodge consists of a Master, Senior and Junior Warden, Secretary and Treasurer, and as many Members as the Master and a Majority of the Lodge shall from time to time think proper. That the Master and inferior officers are to be chosen by Ballot.

That in order that due decorum be observed, and for the better preservation of secrecy and good harmony, a Brother well skilled in the Master's part shall be *appointed* and paid for tyling the Lodge.

The right and privilege of election, as Your Committee understand the term, apply only to Members of the Lodge. And by the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge as found in the Ahiman Rezon, the Tyler cannot be a Member of the Lodge whose servant he is and is paid for his services. This rule applies as well to the Grand as to the subordinate Lodges, And therefore he cannot be elected.

Your Committee believe that the practice of the Lodges has heretofore been in strict consonance with the above Rules, particularly in the City of Philadelphia. The Worshipful Master has always considered it as a part of his prerogative to appoint the Tyler.

Your Committee therefore respectfully offer the following resolution for adoption :

Resolved, that the said Amendment to the Bye Laws of Concordia Lodge, N^o 67, be disallowed.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. BAKER, STEPHEN W. SMITH, NATH. R. POTTS,	}	Committee.
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Philadelphia,

March 2, 1822.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 82, which was read and is as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for examination the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 82, held at Milford, Pike County,
Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same and recommend their adoption with the following amendments :

Section 7th. Strike out the whole of this Section and insert in lieu thereof as follows :

Any Person desiring to be initiated into the Mysteries of Free Masonry in this Lodge, must Petition for that purpose in writing, stating his age, residence and occupation, and be

recommended by at least two Master Masons who are Members of the Lodge, and which Petition shall be presented at a regular stated meeting of the Lodge, upon which a Committee of three Master Masons shall be appointed from which the recommending Brethren shall be excluded, any two of whom may report the result of their inquiries in writing at the next stated Meeting, and if the report be favourable he may be ballotted for, and if unanimously approved of he may be initiated. But if there shall appear one or more ballots against him he shall be rejected, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to transmit to the Grand Secretary such rejection as soon as possible.

Section 12th. Strike out this Section.

Section 13th. Strike out 13 and insert 12th.

Section 14. Strike out 14 and insert 13.

Section 15. Strike out 15 and insert 14.

Section 16. Strike out 16 and insert 15.

Section 17. Strike out 17 and insert 16.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. BAKER,	} Committee.
STEPHEN W. SMITH,	
NATH. R. POTTS,	

Philadelphia,

March 2, 1822.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 91, held at Philadelphia, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penn^a:

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred back the Report on the Bye Laws of Columbia Lodge, N^o. 91, held at Philadelphia,

Respectfully Report,

That having been informed by a Bro. P. M. of Lodge N^o. 91, it was the wish of some of the Brethren of the Lodge to be heard upon certain objections which they had to make to the adoption of the Code of Bye Laws submitted to Your

Committee by this R. W. Grand Lodge on the 17 September, 1821, for examination, &c. In consequence of which your Committee in pursuance of notice met the W. Master and several of the P. M. and Brethren of the said Lodge N^o 91, at the Committee room in the Hall,

When the following objection was submitted :

That by the 7th Article of the late Bye Laws authorizing the establishment of a Charity fund, it is declared that, "No Money shall ever be taken from this fund to be appropriated in any other way, *without the consent of two thirds of the whole Number of Members belonging to the Lodge.*" (prout said Article.)

And it was contended that in as much as two thirds of the whole Number of Members belonging to the Lodge had not consented to the present code of Bye Laws, the said 7 Article of the late code remained unrepealed and in full force, and that it was the duty of your Committee to introduce the said Article into the present Code, as a part of the Bye Laws of the Lodge.

On the other hand it was contended, that by the 18th Article of the said late Code of Bye Laws, "Two thirds of the Members present at the Stated Meeting when the question should be brought before the Lodge had the power to alter, amend, revise or repeal *all* or any of the said Bye Laws or *make New Laws.*" (prout 18 Article.)

And it was admitted that two thirds of the Members present had consented to the New Code.

And that thereby the 7th Article and generally the whole Code was repealed and made Null and Void.

Your Committee after having considered this subject are of opinion, That so long as the late code of Bye Laws continued in force and operation unaltered or repealed, as prescribed by the said 18th Article, nothing less than the consent of two thirds of the whole Number of Members belonging to the Lodge could alter or change the Charity fund as constituted by the 7 Article thereof or appropriate the fund in any other way than is thereby directed.

But your Committee think that by the 18 Article the Lodge

has reserved to itself a general power of revision, and that the Lodge in this instance has lawfully used that power, and that the present Code operates as a repeal of the late Code in toto and of consequence the 7th Article is repealed and ipso facto void.

Your Committee further beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the said Bye Laws as referred to them on the 17 September last, and recommend their adoption with the following alterations and Amendments.

In Article 2nd in the 11th and 12th lines, strike out, "*in a sum greater than three dollars,*" and insert shall and after the word "*Vote,*" in the 12th line, insert, "*unless he be excused from the payment thereof according to Law.*"

In Article 6th Strike out the "*1st and 2 lines,*" and the third line as far as the word "*the*" and insert, "No brother shall be admitted to visit unless by motion regularly made, seconded and carried for such admission, Provided that Nothing herein contained shall prevent such Motion being founded on the Voucher of a single brother either a Member or a Visitor. The Master for the time being having at all times power to admit such Brethren as he can vouch for. But if the Brother desirous of visiting be not known as a Mason."

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. BAKER,
STEPHEN W. SMITH, } Committee.
NATHⁿ. R. POTTS,

Philadelphia,
March 2, 1822.

On Motion made and Seconded, the said report was amended by striking out the word "*servitude*" in the 4th line of the 2 Article and inserting the word "*service,*" also by reinstating the words in the said Article, "*in a sum greater than three dollars,*" and as amended the report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on sundry amendments to the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 121, which was read and is as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred sundry

Amendments to the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 121, held at Philadelphia,
Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same and recommend their adoption.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
STEPHEN W. SMITH,
NATⁿ. R. POTTS.

Philadelphia,
March 2, 1822.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on sundry amendments to the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 131, which was read and is as follows :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred sundry Amendments to the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 131, held at Philadelphia,
Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that the amendments adopted by the said Lodge on the 9th November, 1820, and 10 May, 1821, be approved, and that the amendment adopted by the said Lodge the 8th November, 1821, be also approved with the following addition, "and provided that such delinquent shall not be re-admitted until he shall have paid up the arrears so due and the like proceedings had as in cases of admission to Membership, excepting the payment of the admission fee; and Provided also, that the right of such delinquent to appeal to the Grand Lodge be the same as in other cases."

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. BAKER,
STEPHEN W. SMITH, } Committee.
NATHⁿ. R. POTTS,

Philadelphia,
March 2, 1822.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 173, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for examination the Bye Laws of Hamilton Lodge, N^o. 173, held in Laurenceville, Pitt Township, Allegheny County.

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same and recommend the following alterations and amendments, to wit :

In section 7th, line 4th, strike out "*the length of a Cable tow,*" and insert "*three Miles.*"

In section 9th, strike out all that follows after the word "*order*" in the first line.

In section 18th, strike out "*the length of his cable tow,*" and insert "*three Miles of the Lodge.*"

Section 19th, to be altered so as to read as follows :

No Brother shall be admitted to visit unless by Motion regularly made, seconded and carried for such admission, Provided that Nothing herein contained shall prevent such Motion being founded on the Voucher of a single brother, either a Member or a Visitor. The Master for the time being having at all times power to admit such Brethren as he can Vouch for. When the Brother desiring to Visit is not known as a Mason, a Committee shall be appointed to examine him. Visitors shall be treated with attention and brotherly respect, and be free from expense.

In section 20th, line 5th, strike out "*two*" and insert "*three.*"

In section 21st, the first paragraph to be so altered as to make it necessary that the recommendation of the Applicant for initiation should be signed by two Master Masons instead of one, and in the 2nd paragraph strike out the word "*two*" and insert "*three,*" and in the 3rd and 13th lines of the same paragraph strike out "*Brother*" and insert "*Brethren.*"

And that they be adopted.

Respectfully submitted by

GEORGE A. BAKER,
STEPHEN W. SMITH,
NATHⁿ. R. POTTS,

Philadelphia,
March 2, 1822.

Which report was adopted.

A Letter dated Sheshequin, March 7, 1822, was received and read from Brother Joseph Kingsberry, who was authorized by the late R. W. Grand Master to grant dispensations to pass Brethren to the Chair in Lodge N^o 70, held at Athens, Tioga Point, Bradford, recommending that the Price for Dispensations be reduced to five dollars, and giving a general view of the state of Masonry in the Counties of Bradford, Luzerne, Lycoming and Tioga, accompanied with an Account of the dispensations he had granted and a remittance of fifty-four dollars on Account, which was laid on the table.

The Committee of finance who were directed to enquire into the expediency of reducing the price of dispensations made report which was read and is as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

Your Committee on Finances to whom was referred the Resolution to inquire into the expediency of reducing the price of Dispensations, beg leave to report that after duly considering the subject they are of opinion that it is expedient to reduce the price of Dispensations for passing to the Chair, and therefore offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, that the price of Dispensation for passing to the Chair be and the same is hereby reduced to *Seven Dollars*.

Respectfully submitted by

BERNARD DAHLGREN,
WILLIAM PAGE,
ROB. TOLAND,
W^m. MAYWEG,

} Committee of Fin^{ce}

Philad^a, March
26, 1822.

On Motion and seconded, the word "*seven*" in the resolution annexed to the report of said Committee was stricken out and the word "*five*" inserted; the report and resolution were then adopted as amended.

The following resolution laid on the Table on the 3rd September last by Brother Randall was taken up for consideration and adopted.

Resolved, that the deficiency (if any) in the emoluments of

the Grand Secretary be made up out of the Funds of the Grand Lodge, so that he shall permanently receive as a Compensation for his services the annual sum of Five Hundred Dollars.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday the 15th instant at 7 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 15th, A. D. 1822, A. L. 5822.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, In Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

“ John B. Gibson, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ James Harper, jun^r, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Thomas Kittera, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ John Caner, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev. Bro. William Rodgers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. James McAlpin, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ Elhanan W. Keyser, Grand Marshal.

“ Robert R. Bell, Grand Pursuivant.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. P. G. Master.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 73, 84, 91, 114, 121, 126, 127, 130, 134, 139, 141, 152, 155, 165, 172, 189 and 176 represented.

Twenty Seven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

A Letter was received from James Gibson, Esquire, inclosing the Constitution of “The Pennsylvania Infirmary for dis-ease of the Eye and Ear,” which was referred to Brothers James Harper, jun., John Banks and Thomas Jones, to enquire and make report.

The Committee of finances made report on the Accounts of the Hall Committee, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee of Finances respectfully Report,

That they have examined the foregoing Account of the Hall Committee and the Vouchers herewith and find the same correct, making the sum expended for the three Months ending the 30th ultimo, Two Hundred and eighty Dollars, sixty seven Cents, viz: Fifty Five Dollars, eighty two Cents for payment of debts contracted by the former Hall Committee, thirty four dollars, forty four Cents expenses attending the Masonic procession at the Funeral of the late Right Worshipful past Grand Master, Israel Israel, and One Hundred forty one Cents disbursed by the present Hall Committee, leaving a balance of One Hundred and nineteen Dollars, thirty three Cents.

Philadelphia, 12th April, 1822.

B. DAHLGREN,
WILLIAM PAGE,
ROB. TOLAND.

Which report was adopted.

The R. W. Grand Master suggested the propriety of the Grand Lodge presenting a Vote of thanks to Bro. Gamble for his politeness in volunteering the Band of Music for the funeral Procession of Brother Israel.

When On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, unanimously, that the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge be presented to Brother J. M. Gamble, Major Commanding the Marine Corps, for his politeness in furnishing the Marine Band of Music to attend the funeral of Our deceased Brother, Israel Israel, Esquire, late R. W. Past Grand Master.

The Committee of Finance made report on the accounts of the Gas Committee, which was read and is as follows:

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee of Finance,

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the within Account of the Gas Committee, (and the Vouchers handed therewith,) and

find the same correct, leaving a balance in the hands of the Gas Committee of Twenty four Dollars, Ninety seven Cents.

Philadelphia, 12 Ap^l. 1822.

B. DAHLGREN,
WILLIAM PAGE,
ROB. TOLAND.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Application of the Medical Society, made report which was read and is as follows :

Philad^a. March 4th. 1822.

The Committee appointed 27th December, 1821, upon the application from the Medical Society to reduce the rent of the rooms occupied by them in the Hall or Cancel their Lease, Beg leave to report,

That they have attended to that duty, and are of opinion that it would be to the Interest of the Grand Lodge at present to reduce the rent.

They therefore offer the following resolution :

Resolved, that the officers of the Grand Lodge deduct 50 ¢ Cent. from the annual rent commencing at the expiration of the present quarter, and such sum annually thereafter as they in their wisdom may deem expedient, until the expiration of the Lease.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sign'd)	FRED ^k . ERRINGER,	} Committee.
	BENJ ^k . A. MEREDITH,	
	W ^k . BOYD,	

Which report was adopted.

On Motion, the Letter from Bro. Henry Shippen, S. Warden of Lodge N^o 178, read in Grand Lodge on the 1st instant, was referred to the Committee on Landmarks.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of Brother Israel E. James and others Contesting the Election of Secretary of Lodge N^o 67, made report which was read and is as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of

Israel E. James and others contesting the Election of Secretary of Concordia Lodge, N^o 67, held on the Night of the 14th December last,

Report,

That they have paid due attention to the subject, and after having heard the parties and examined the Books and Papers relating thereto, are of opinion that the Votes given in for Secretary on the said Night of Election, were for Brother W^m Baker twenty two, and those for Brother Israel E. James twenty one, making an aggregate of forty three Votes. And Your Committee are further of opinion that there were on the said Night of Election not more than forty two Members present who according to the Bye Laws of the said Lodge possessed the right to Vote, and that therefore one vote was erroneously received.

Your Committee are not clearly aware of the course that it may be expedient to adopt to correct the irregularity in the present instance, and have therefore abstained from offering any resolution on the subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY HORN,
GEORGE RUSSELL.

Committee Room,
New Hall, Jan^y 24, 1822.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Election held by Lodge N^o 67, in December last for Secretary be set aside for irregularity, and that the Lodge be Authorized to hold an Election for Secretary to serve for the remainder of the Year.

The Letter from Brother Kingsberry read on the 6th instant was read again together with the Account rendered of Dispersations granted which was as follows:

13 Dispersations at \$10,		\$130.
Fees for granting dispensations as p. regulation of G. L. for the G. Sec ^y .	\$2 each,	
equal		\$26.
Sum remitted,		54.
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Balance due,		\$50.

On behalf of Chapter, N^o. 70, Brother Kingsberry requested the Grand Lodge would remit one half the fee on the first ten dispensations which were granted, as they had been granted to Brethren who had been Passed to the Chair and exalted previously to the Lodge being acquainted with the regulation of the Grand Lodge respecting Dispensations, the said Brethren having refused to pay more than three Dollars for each Dispensation, and the Chapter had agreed to pay the balance, but which they were at present unable to pay. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that Brother Kingsberry's account for the price of Thirteen Dispensations to Pass the Chair granted by him under the authority of the R. W. Grand Master, be settled on his paying the further sum of Eleven Dollars to the Grand Lodge.

Ordered, that the Letter and Account of Brother Kingsberry be filed.

The Gas Committee made report which was read, and is as follows, to wit :

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee appointed on the 28th of July last,

Respectfully Reports,

That there has been Manufactured in the Gas Manufactory since his appointment up to the 2nd day of April inst., 63,500 feet of gas, of which 26,305 feet have been sold to M^r. Guillou, and the balance equal to 37,195 ft. has been consumed by the Grand Lodge and the subordinate Lodges.

That the gas has cost, charging on its manufacture the expense of emptying the tank and all the repairs, the sum of eight mills the foot.

The following statement it is presumed will give a clear and satisfactory view of the labours of the Committee, and of their result :

Dr.	Gas Manufactory.	Cr.	
For 65 Bar. Tar,	135.80	By Gas sold M ^r . Guillou,	391.67
" Labour,	159.44	5 retorts new,	60.
" Fuel,	127.37	6 Bar. Tar,	12.75
" Repairs,	38.32	Tar oil sold (estimate).	80.
7 Retorts,	81.50	Light of Grand Lodge,	20.
Cleaning tank,	14.25	Subordinate, do.,	480.
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	556.88		1044.42

Exhibiting a profit on the Manufactory of \$487.74 for eight Months.

The charges on the Manufacture have been considerably increased for the want of a third gas holder and the want of Storage for Fuel. From the first the expenditure has been increased twenty dollars and from the second thirty dollars. And much of the repairs charged in the foregoing statement should be considered as extraordinary, arising from the emptying of the tank, the ruinous situation of the Building, and the imperfect state of the Apparatus. Full twenty dollars should be deducted from the item of repairs, considered as ordinary charge on the Manufacture. Thus it appears that the expense of the Manufacture of 63,500 ft. has been 69 dollars more than would have been requisite had the building and Apparatus been in proper order.

Should the Grand Lodge resolve on prosecuting the Manufacture of Gas, the evils above enumerated will be remedied and further means of saving expense will be devised. Your Committee believes that by new Modelling the retorts a large sum may be gained annually.

As the labors of your Committee may be considered a continuance of the experiment to ascertain the value of the Gas Manufactory to the Grand Lodge, and as affording data upon which is to be determined its further prosecution, it is proper that this report should be accompanied with some remarks on the present state of the works, the probable cost of their repair, and the future advantages to be derived from them.

In order to a Successful prosecution of the Manufactory it will be necessary to rebuild the present furnace, to put new pipes into the tank, to finish another gasholder and rehang the present ones, and to new roof the gas house.

It is to be feared that it will also be necessary to erect a Wooden tank within the present brick one. On this however your Committee does not pronounce with confidence, as the necessity of the measure can be ascertained only from the survey of the Walls of the present tank by experienced mechanics, competent to decide on their durability.

The cost of the above enumerated repairs and improve-

ments, the Wooden tank inclusive, it is presumed will not exceed two thousand dollars. But this sum is given merely as a conjecture founded on the best information your Committee has been able to obtain.

This expenditure on the Gas house will be necessary should the manufacture be continued for the use of the Masonic Hall only. It will not be increased, should the manufacture be driven to the utmost extent of the capacity of the works in the supply of other demands.

In considering the future advantages of the gas Manufactory our attention must be turned to the Sale of gas which may probably be made.

M^r. Guillou's Annual consumption may be estimated at 35000 ft., \$525. This sum will be sufficient when the works are in proper order to pay the expense of lighting his rooms and the lodge rooms. So that it will be profitable to the Grand Lodge to Manufacture gas light for the consumption of the Hall alone.

The Theatre, the Museum and the Atheneum are desirous to have the gas light.

The Consumption of the Theatre will probably from the information of the Managers be equal to 1000 ft. every play night, which for 7 Months will require, 120,000 ft.

The Museum lighted every night will consume according to the estimate of M^r. Peale, per Ann^m. 78,000

The Atheneum will require on the lowest estimate your Committee can make, 50,000

248,000

Which at a profit of 7 Mills per foot would yield the sum of, \$1736.00

Profits additional to the amount rec'd by the Grand Lodge from the subordinate Lodges, will make the whole profit of the establishment per Ann., 717.

\$2553.00

From this must be deducted hereafter the Salary of the Superintendent and the interest on Money expended for pipes.

Your Committee having laid before the Grand Lodge a concise view of the operations of the Gas Manufactory since his appointment, a statement of the repairs necessary, a conjecture of the cost of such repairs, and an estimate of the probable quantity of Gas which may be sold and the profits which may be realized thereon, will close this report with the following resolution :

Resolved, that it is expedient to continue the Gas Manufactory and to put the Gas house and Machinery into complete order to finish another Gasholder.

April 15, 1822.

THO^s. F. GORDON.

On Motion and Seconded, said Report was referred to Brothers Samuel F. Bradford, James Harper, jun., Thomas F. Gordon, C. C. Febiger, George W. Jones, Edward King and John Banks, to inquire and make report.

On Motion and Seconded, the following Committees appointed on the 3rd August, 1821, were discharged, viz :

The Committee to procure an estimate of the expense of the Gas House, &c.

The Committee to examine the State of the Gas Apparatus, &c., to report what repairs are necessary to be done together with an estimate of the Cost, &c.

The Committee to prepare a plan for procuring a sum of Money sufficient to pay for the repairs of the Gas Apparatus, to be reimbursed from the yearly savings of the Gas Establishment.

On Motion and Seconded, Brother Joseph R. Hopkins, William Seeger and George M. Dallas, were appointed in the place of the last Committee with instructions to make report at the next Meeting of the Grand Lodge.

On Motion of Brother Dahlgren and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Hall Committee be and they are hereby instructed to receive from the R. W. Brother Gavin Hamilton, Past Deputy Grand Master, a Copper plate of the Frontispiece of the Ahiman Rezon and a quantity of valuable gold lace, as

well as any other effects in his possession belonging to this Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Tuesday the 30th instant, at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER.
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 30th, A. D. 1822, A. L. 5822.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

- " John B. Gibson, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- " James Harper, jun., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- " Anthony Fannen, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " Edward King, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
- " Thomas F. Gordon, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " Jackson Oliver, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

Rev^d. Bro. William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. James McAlpin, Grand Sword Bearer.

- " C. C. Febiger, Grand Marshal, P. T.
- " Robert R. Bell, Grand Pursuivant.
- " Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. P. Grand Master.
- " Bayse Newcomb, R. W. P. Grand Master.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 73, 91, 114, 115, 121, 123, 126, 127, 130, 131, 134, 139, 141, 152, 155, 165, 172, 176 and 178 represented.

Thirty Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The following Returns of Lodges were presented and read :
Lodge N^o. 145, held at Wilkinsburg. Returns of Members to Dec^r. 1820 and 1821. The Returns of N^o. 145, containing the Suspension of the following Brethren for non payment

of dues, J—— D. D——, D—— M. P——, J—— B——,
B—— M^cM—— and J—— C——.

Lodge N^o. 174, held at Downingtown. Return of Members.
Account of Dues.

The Grand Secretary stated that about a Year since, agreeably to the directions of the Grand Lodge, he addressed Letters to the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, expressing the desire of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to open and maintain with them a fraternal and Masonic intercourse, accompanied with the annual Communication for the year 1821. That he has received an Answer to his Letter from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, together with their Communications for several years past, but that he has not yet heard from the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland.

The Letter and Communications were then read and ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

Brother Febiger, a Member of the Committee appointed on the Appeal of W—— P——, from a Vote of rejection passed against him by Lodge N^o. 45, held at Pittsburgh, stated that having removed to Philadelphia it was out of his power to attend to the duties of the said Committee, and requested to be discharged from serving on it. His request was granted and Brother Morgan Neville appointed in his place.

On Motion, Resolved, that the said Committee be directed to proceed forthwith to the examination of the said Appeal and make report thereon without delay.

On Motion of Brother Dahlgren and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Officers be requested to effect a further Insurance of Sixteen Thousand Dollars on the Hall and Five Thousand Dollars on the Furniture of the Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge a Communication he had received, containing the proceedings of a Number of Members of the Society of Free Masons from various parts of the United States, composed of Members of Congress and strangers assembled at the Capitol in the City of Washington, March 9th, 1822, recommending the establishment of a General Grand Lodge of the United States. Which was read, and on

Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that said Communication be referred to a Committee consisting of the Grand Officers and three other Members of the Grand Lodge, to take the same into consideration and report thereon.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Bayse Newcomb, Samuel F. Bradford and Edward King, to be the remaining Members of said Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Lodge N^o 119, held in Harford Township, Susquehanna County, dated the 5th December, 1821, praying for a relinquishment of the past dues of said Lodge, made report which was read and is as follows, to wit :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee to whom was referred the Application of Lodge N^o 119, held at Harford, requesting remission of their dues,

Report,

That from the Records of the Grand Lodge it appears that said Lodge was Constituted in 1810, and from that time to the present only two returns have been made to the Grand Lodge. One of which accompanied the Application for the remission of dues, and in all has been paid but fifty nine Dollars $\frac{57}{100}$.

The inattention of that Lodge to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge which it was bound to abide by and support, places it beyond the power of your Committee to say what sum is now due from it to this Grand Lodge, which it asks a remission of. The reasons assigned by that Lodge, why the Grand Lodge should remit its dues, are somewhat of a novel and extraordinary kind. The first is that the Grand Lodge has neglected to send a lecture Master to instruct it. If those Brethren had paid up their dues to the Grand Lodge this might be considered to have some weight. But how can a Lodge that has been delinquent ever since its establishment complain, because the Grand Lodge has not disbursed its own funds to give them instruction? They assign as another rea-

son their having paid large sums in Charity. They should consider that their first duty is to pay their debts, and if any funds remain, then apply such to Charitable or other purposes as the Lodge might think proper. It is a good Maxim to "be just before we are generous." Another reason assigned is, the distance its Members live from where the Lodge is held; and also the scarcity of Money. Your Committee are disposed to notice the last reasons, only as incidental circumstances. As a few of its Members may live far distant from the place of holding the Lodge, and many may live very near also, that in the Country as well as in other places, it is not always the fact that such as do attend the Lodge are always prepared to pay their dues.

But the consideration that has most weight with your Committee in coming to a decision on this subject is the State of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

The right of the G. Lodge to remit its legal claims after the solemn pledge given to the Stockholders that it would appropriate its whole income after paying its necessary expenses to the redemption of the debt, has been thought by some questionable. Without attempting to examine the accuracy or inaccuracy of this opinion, Your Committee believe that the present is not a Case in which a right any way doubtful ought to be exercised. They therefore offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to comply with the request of Lodge N^o 119, in which they ask for a remission of their dues.

JAMES HARPER, jun.,	} Committee.
ISAAC P. COLE,	
WILLIAM MANDRY,	

Which report was adopted.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to write to Lodge N^o 119 to request them to make out their returns and discharge their dues as soon as possible, otherwise the regulation of the Grand Lodge respecting delinquent Lodges will be enforced.

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication from Lodge N^o 82, held at Milford, relative to the State of said Lodge and requesting an exoneration from the payment of part of their dues, made report which was read and is as follows :

To the R. W. G. Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee to whom was referred the Application of Lodge N^o 82, requesting to be exonerated from the payment of its Grand Lodge dues, Report,

That it appears by the returns of said Lodge that its labours were suspended from the year 1816 to 1820, when (as they say) by the advice of the Grand Secretary they were resumed.

Your Committee are of opinion that this Lodge cannot with any propriety claim an exoneration from any dues except it be from those which accrued during the suspension of its labours. Nor even from such dues as have accrued from those who are still Members of the Lodge. It is one of the regulations of this Grand Lodge that when a Lodge becomes extinct, the rights of all its Members as Masons, can be recognized only on Condition that they individually produce evidence to the Grand Lodge that all their dues are paid up to the time when the Lodge suspended its labours. It appears that the last return from this Lodge previous to 1821 was up to June, 1813. The payments made on Account to that time, and subsequently on Account of what was then due, leaves a balance in favour of Grand Lodge of \$140.00. From that time till 1821 no returns have been made, your Committee cannot say what is the amount now due. It appears from the last return that thirty-five of the present Members belonged to the Lodge in 1816 when its labours were suspended. Also of the delinquent Treasurers on whose Account the Lodge ask an exoneration, none of them have been suspended, and two of them are now Members of the Lodge.

Comment on the view which these Brethren seem to entertain of Masonry is needless, a bare statement of the facts is sufficient.

Your Committee, however, believing that the interest of the institution would probably be promoted by extending all the indulgence possible to those Brethren who now promise to attend more strictly to the regulations of the Grand Lodge and are of opinion that all those who were Members in 1816 and have not attached themselves to the Lodge and are still in arrears ought to be considered as suspended Masons. And that the Lodge ought to pay the Grand Lodge dues of all those who were Members in 1816, and who continue Members of the Lodge at this time, and in order to embrace these views the Committee offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby instructed, (in the settlement of the Accounts of Lodge N^o. 82,) to release the Grand Lodge dues which have accrued since 1816 by such as were Members at that time, and who have not since attached themselves to that or any other Lodge.

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge will and do hereby recognize the regular labours of Lodge N^o. 82 since 1820, when they were resumed.

JAMES HARPER, jun., }
ISAAC P. COLE, }
WILLIAM MANDRY, } Committee.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee appointed to prepare a plan to procure a sum of Money sufficient to pay for the repairs of the Gas establishment, made report which was read, amended, adopted as amended, and is as follows, to wit:

The Committee appointed agreeably to the resolution of the Grand Lodge passed on the 15th of April, 1822, "to prepare a "plan for procuring a sum of Money sufficient to pay for the "repairs of the Gas Apparatus, to be reimbursed from the "yearly savings of the Gas Establishment," beg leave respectfully to

Report, That having taken into consideration the subject referred to them, they recommend, if the Grand Lodge shall determine upon continuing and repairing the Gas establishment, the following plan "for procuring a sum of Money

“sufficient to pay for the repairs to be reimbursed from the “yearly savings.”

Let a loan of Two thousand Dollars be effected, to bear an interest of 6 per Cent. per Annum, and let the profits of the Gas establishment be annually divided among the lenders or their legal representatives in part payment of principal and interest until the loan be discharged.

1st. For the purpose of carrying into effect this proposal, let three Trustees be appointed to collect subscriptions in such manner as they may deem most advisable, for which they shall sign and issue Certificates to the Subscribers in the sums by them respectively subscribed and paid, and such Certificate shall entitle its holder to receive annually its due proportion of the profits of the Gas Establishment, provided Nevertheless, that no Subscription shall be received for a sum less than Ten Dollars, (and provided also, that if the whole sum of Two thousand Dollars shall not be subscribed and paid within Thirty days from the appointment of the said Trustees then this Loan shall not take effect, and the sums paid, if any, shall be returned to the subscribers respectively.)

The part included in the brackets was stricken out 2 Sep., 1822.

2nd. The said Trustees shall disburse the amount of the Loan received by them upon the drafts of the Committee who may be appointed to repair the Gas Works. They shall also receive from the Grand Lodge the Annual profits of the Gas establishment, (the light supplied to the Grand Lodge and the subordinate Lodges to be valued at the sum actually charged to the Lodges,) and distribute the same among the subscribers pro rata.

3rd. As a further security towards the payment of the principal and interest of this loan, the Grand Lodge shall convey to the said Trustees and the Survivors of them or their Successors, all its interest in and right to the Apparatus of the Gas Establishment in *Trust* that if the profits of the same be not paid as stipulated for two years in Succession, they shall have power to make sale thereof in such manner as may by them be deemed expedient and from the proceeds thereof

discharge the Loan, it being distinctly understood that nothing therein contained shall be so construed as to bind other property and funds of the Grand Lodge, or make the Grand Lodge in any manner responsible for the repayment of the said Loan or any part thereof except as above provided for.

Your Committee understanding from those who have investigated the subject, that the annual profits of the Gas Establishment, even upon its present limited system, may be computed at \$400, presume that there will not be much difficulty in accomplishing a Loan which provides a yearly reimbursement of 20 per Cent. of the Capital, they therefore respectfully offer the following resolution :

Resolved, that the foregoing report together with the plan as therein proposed be adopted, and that three Trustees be forthwith appointed to carry the same into effect.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH R. HOPKINS,
W^m. F. SEEGER,
G. M. DALLAS.

Which report was adopted.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers James McAlpin, Robert Toland and Henry Harrison, Trustees for the purposes contained in the foregoing report.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Gas Committee on the State of the Gas Establishment made report which was read and is as follows :

The Committee to whom was referred the report on the Gas establishment, on the 15th April, 1822, report the following resolution :

Resolved, that having examined the report of the Gas Committee referred to them, and having collected information from other quarters, they are of opinion that it is expedient to repair the Gas house and to prosecute the Gas Manufacture.

SAM. F. BRADFORD,
THO^s. F. GORDON,
C. C. FEBIGER,
JAMES HARPER, jun^r.
GEORGE W. JONES.

April 30th, 1820.

On Motion said report was amended by adding to the resolution the words, "*in case the Loan of two thousand dollars be effected,*" and as amended was then adopted.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 3, A. D. 1822, A. L. 5822.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

" Thomas Kittera, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, P. T.

" Anthony Fannen, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

" Edward King, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Samuel W. Preston, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

" Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

" David Moody, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

" David H. Mason, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

Rev. Bro. W^m. Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Jos. W. Rowland, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

" Jackson Oliver, Grand Marshal, P. T.

" Robert R. Bell, Grand Pursuivant.

" Charles Schneider, Deputy Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 73, 81, 91, 114, 115, 121, 128, 127, 130, 131, 134, 139, 141, 158, 172, 176 and 168 represented.

Twenty Seven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication and of the Meetings held since were read and approved.

A Petition was received and read from divers Ancient York Master Masons praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the Borough of Mercer, to be called Mercer Lodge, N^o. and that Brother Epaphrodius Cossett might be named the first

Master ; Brother Jacob Harrington, the first Senior Warden, and Brother William Budd, the first Junior Warden thereof. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was on Motion made and Resolved, that the prayer of the Petition be granted, that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered N^o. 182.

The following Returns, &c., from Lodges were presented and read, viz :

Lodge N^o. 25, held at Bristol. Communication of the suspension for non payment of dues of J—— P——, J—— M——, W—— W. W—— and R—— J——.

Lodge N^o. 115, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the expulsion of T—— M. H—— for gross unmasonic conduct and embezzling the funds of the Lodge.

Lodge, N^o. 132, held in West Moreland Township, Chester County. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o. 159, held at Danville, Columbia County. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N^o. 171, held at Pottstown, Montgomery County. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

A Petition was received and read from T—— M. H—— appealing from the Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o. 115, which was referred to Brothers Nathan R. Potts, Edward King and Charles Stout to enquire and make report.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 128, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for examination the Bye Laws of Temple Lodge, N^o. 128, held at Philadelphia,

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same and recommend the following amendments :

In Article 9th after the word "*appointed*" in the 9th line insert, "*neither of whom shall be of the recommending Brethren.*"

Article 14, Strike out this Article and insert in lieu thereof,
"No Brother shall be admitted to Visit, unless by Motion
"regularly made, seconded and carried for such admission,
"provided that nothing herein contained, shall prevent such
"Motion being founded on the Voucher of a single Brother,
"either a Member or a Visitor, the Master for the time being
"having at all times power to admit such Brethren as he can
"Vouch for. But if the Brother desirous of Visiting be not
"known as a Mason, the Master shall appoint one or more
"Members of this Lodge, who are Master Masons, to examine
"him; and upon his or their reporting that he is a lawful
"Ancient Mason he shall be admitted."

In Article 16 in the 3^d and 5th lines strike out the word
"Lodge" and insert "*Master*."

And that they be adopted.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
STEPHEN W. SMITH, } Committee.
NATⁿ. R. POTTS,

Philadelphia,
May 24, 1822.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws
of Lodge N^o. 158, which was read, and is as follows, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for ex-
amination, sundry alterations and amendments to the Bye
Laws of Meridian Sun Lodge, N^o. 158, held at Philadelphia,
Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same and recom-
mend their adoption.

Respectfully submitted by

GEORGE A. BAKER,
STEPHEN W. SMITH, } Committee.
NATHⁿ. R. POTTS,

Philadelphia,
May 24, 1822.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 177, which was read, and is as follows, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for examination the Bye Laws of Delaware Lodge, N^o. 177, held in Delaware Township, Pike County,
Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same and recommend the following alterations and amendments, to wit:

In Article 3rd, line the first, after the word "*Secretary*" insert "*and,*" and in line the 2nd, Strike out "*and all other officers.*"

In Article 5th, after the word "*Petition*" in the second line insert, "*which shall contain the name, age, occupation and residence of the Petitioner,*" and after the word "*appointed*" in the third line insert, "*of three Master Masons neither of whom shall be of the recommending Brethren.*"

And that they be adopted.

GEORGE A. BAKER,	} Committee.
STEPHEN W. SMITH,	
NATH ⁿ . R. POTTS,	

Philadelphia,

May 24, 1822.

Which report was adopted.

An Extract from the Minutes of Western Star Lodge, N^o. 146, held at Meadville, was received and read and laid on the table, and is as follows:

"Lodge Hall, April 30th, A. L. 5822.

"Resolved unanimously, that the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be requested to subscribe the Amount now due from this Lodge to them, (being Two hundred and forty four Dollars,) also the yearly dues from this Lodge for years to come, to the fund for the support of a Mathematical Professorship in Alleghany College, established in this place, to be called the Architectonic Mathematical Professorship of Alleghany College. And that our Worthy and Right Rev^d. Brother Timothy Alden be deputed to present

"one of the Circular addresses prepared by this Lodge to the
"several Lodges in Pennsylvania, and earnestly solicit the R.
"W. G. Lodge to grant our request."

The Committee to whom was referred the Application from Western Star Lodge, N^o. 146, held at Meadville, of the 13 February, 1821, requesting the Grand Lodge to give to the President and Trustees of Alleghany College the sum of Money then due from said Lodge to the Grand Lodge, together with such sums as should thereafter become due for the period of years, made report which was read and is as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns^a :

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication from Western Star Lodge, N^o. 146,

Beg leave to report,

That it appears by the Communication referred to them this Lodge owed to the Grand Lodge on St^t John's Day in December, 1820, the sum of D. 191.69, never having paid anything since its establishment. That the Lodge itself appears to be in a flourishing situation, and that there is no difficulty in making a payment of the sum due to the Grand Lodge, except the depreciated currency of Bank Paper in that part of the Country. The Lodge now request that the sum due to the Grand Lodge, together with the dues that may accrue hereafter for a certain Number of years, may be given to the President and Trustees of the Alleghany College for the use of the said College, they being willing to receive the Amount in depreciated paper. It appears by other documents presented to the Grand Lodge, that the Members of this Lodge have subscribed the sum of 800 Dollars to found a Professorship in this College to be denominated, "The Architectonic
"Mathematical Professorship of Alleghany College."

The first duty which subordinate Lodges ought to perform is the payment of its dues to the Grand Lodge; these they have stipulated to pay and their payment is the Condition on which their existence has been given. Your Committee can not but state that in their opinion Lodge N^o. 146 ought not to have permitted so large a sum to have accumulated without paying some part of the Amount to the Grand Lodge. These

dues are pledged for the redemption of the debt from the Grand Lodge to their Creditors, and in the opinion of your Committee the Grand Lodge do not possess the power, much less would they be justified in its exercise, of remitting the dues as prayed for in the Petition referred to them. Your Committee forbear from entering into any examination of the revenue arising from the City and Country Lodges, altho' by the documents lying on Your table it would appear our Brethren in the Country have no cause to complain on this subject.

A secondary duty and not less important is the distribution of Charity by Our Lodges, and where there are objects that call upon us for relief and we have the ability, it becomes a primary and indispensable obligation upon us.

The encouragement of a Literary Institution however laudable and useful, can in a Masonic point of view, be but an incidental duty. Your Committee do not mean to depreciate the importance and value of the College established at Meadville; they have no doubt it is worthy the patronage of an enlightened public, and they trust it will receive the fostering care of a generous Legislature and liberal Community, but they do not think it has any claims upon the Masonic funds raised and specially pledged for Masonic purposes; they therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners.

R. MANSFIELD,
ROB. DE SILVER, } Committee.

Phil^a, June 3, 1822.

Which report was adopted.

On Motion of Brother T. B. Freeman and Seconded,

Resolved, that the proposition from Western Star Lodge, No^o 146, for endowing a Professorship at Alleghany College, and submitted by our Brother Rev^d. Timothy Alden, and to be known by the Name of the Architectonic Mathematical Professorship of Alleghany College, has the approbation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as calculated, if carried into effect, to reflect honor upon the Craft.

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge recommend to the Officers and Brethren of the subordinate Lodges throughout the state to unite their efforts as may be in their power in raising by subscription a sum sufficient for endowing the said Professorship and procuring a suitable apparatus.

The Grand Master from the Grand Officers reported to the Grand Lodge that a further Insurance of \$16,000 on the Hall and \$5000 on the Furniture for One Year at 37½ Cents per \$100, had been effected with the Merchant and Globe Fire Insurance Company of New York, one half with each Company, the whole Cost of the premium amounted to \$79.75.

The Grand Master stated to the Grand Lodge that the Hall Committee had been obliged to paper the Grand Lodge room, that it was rendered absolutely necessary owing to the situation of the Walls and plastering, and therefore they had done it without in the first instance consulting the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master Stated that the Committee appointed to procure on Loan a sufficient sum of Money to complete the Gas Apparatus, had not yet obtained the requisite amount. He suggested the propriety of continuing the Committee and of making an addition thereto.

When on Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Committee appointed to obtain on Loan a sum sufficient to complete the Gas Apparatus be continued, and that two Brethren be added to the Committee.

The Grand Master appointed Brothers Edward King and Samuel Wonderly on said Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the proceedings of a Meeting of Masons held in the City of Washington on the 9th March, 1822, recommending the establishment of a General Grand Lodge of the United States, made report which was read and is as follows:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the proceedings of "A Number of Members of the Society of Free Masons from various parts of the United States, composed of Members of Congress and Strangers, assembled in the Capitol in the City of Washington, March 9, 1822, recom-

mending the establishment of a General Grand Lodge of the United States."

Make report,

That they have considered the Communication referred to them, with all the care and attention that the importance of its object and the respectability of the source from which it emanated would require. By a reference to the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, it will appear that as early as the year 1790, the Grand Lodge of Georgia proposed the establishment of a Grand Lodge throughout the United States. On the 7th June, 1790, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania unanimously expressed its disapprobation of the proposed measure, which at that time appears to have been abandoned.

On the 24th June, 1799, the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, prompted, it is imagined, by its then peculiar situation, renewed the proposition of a General Grand Lodge, for the purpose of reviving "the drooping spirit of the Ancient Craft," and adopted a Number of resolutions similar to those contained in the Communication now referred, and declaring that they would appoint deputies to meet the Convention at Washington as soon as two thirds of the different Grand Lodges in the United States should approve of the Measure. The Grand Lodge of South Carolina transmitted its proceedings to the different Grand Lodges, and among others to that of Pennsylvania. On the 7th March, 1803, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, while the proceedings from South Carolina were under consideration, declared "That a Supreme Superintending Grand Lodge in the United States is inexpedient and impracticable, but that a Convention of Deputies from the several Grand Lodges for the purpose of forming a more intimate union and establishing a regular and permanent intercourse between the said Grand Lodges, and considering other interesting matters would be conducive to the advancement and respectability of the Ancient Craft." These sentiments were subsequently approved and adopted by the Grand Lodges of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Maryland and Virginia, and by the Grand Lodge of Georgia, in which the measure in 1790 was originally brought forward.

On the 6th March, 1809, this Grand Lodge having the original Communication from South Carolina still under consideration, once more unanimously reiterated their former sentiments upon this subject, and by the report of the Committee of Correspondence made at that time, it appears these sentiments were again in the years 1807-8, concurred in by the Grand Lodges of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Jersey.

After a careful review of the whole ground your Committee most fully and cordially concur in the sentiments heretofore expressed by your body on this subject. Previous to the American Revolution, Provincial Grand Lodges were established in the Colonies, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England. After the Declaration of Independence by these United States, the different Provincial Grand Lodges declared themselves sovereign and Independent. Well known and established boundaries, whether Natural or Artificial, have always been fixed upon as the limits of the Jurisdiction of separate Grand Lodges. In this Country, therefore, we have always been divided by States, and such division appears to your Committee to be useful and judicious. Under this system Masonry has continued to advance in the United States to a degree of Splendour and brilliancy hitherto unparalleled and no longer requires any new plan "to revive its drooping spirit;" little or no collision has ever existed between the different Grand Lodges; and so far as the knowledge of your Committee extends, the utmost harmony and cordiality now subsist, without an exception, between the different Grand Lodges throughout the United States.

In the opinion of your Committee, the reasons that produced the present political Confederation or Union of the United States, altogether fail when applied to the interests of Free Masonry. The Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland are sovereign and Independent of each other, they are more contiguous, their Jurisdiction embrace a less space of Territory than the United States and they are under one consolidated Government, without even the subdivision of power, peculiar to our State and Federal Government. We believe

in the Mother Country they have experienced as few evils from this system as we have, and although the late union of the two Grand Lodges in England presented a favourable opportunity of proposing to establish one consolidated General Grand Lodge if it had been desired, yet we do not find that it was even proposed.

In the opinion of your Committee, the exercise of a Jurisdiction so extensive and so particular as that proposed, comprehending not only the most important concerns but the most minute affairs of the Subordinate Lodges, would be attended with innumerable delays, difficulties and embarrassments, and would produce the greatest confusion and disorder throughout the whole fraternity. The general advantage of the Craft requires that the Subordinate Lodges should be placed under the immediate superintending care of a Grand Lodge, which by its proximity of situation and the exercise of its legitimate authority may correct their errors, attend to their wants, and inspire them with the sublime spirit of our order. The establishment of a General Grand Lodge would deprive the different Grand Lodges of these powers, they would become subordinate bodies; and not only every Lodge, but each individual Member of every Lodge would have the right of appeal to the General Grand Lodge. The proceedings of the Subordinate Grand Lodge would in many cases be reversed at a great distance from the scene of action, where the parties were but little known, the circumstances of the case less understood, the Grand Lodge appealed from, perhaps not represented, and the ultimate tribunal operated upon by the perseverance and importunities of such of the parties as might attend upon its deliberations.

It is also feared that in the course of time many of the Grand Lodges would be nominally represented, and thus the attributes of this Colossal Power embracing complete and universal controul over the fiscal and more purely masonic concerns of every Grand Lodge, Subordinate Lodge and individual Member in the United States, would be concentrated in the hands of a few who would constitute the Meeting. To prevent this evil it may be said, the Meetings of the General

Grand Lodge might be less frequently holden, but in the opinion of Your Committee this would be an insurmountable objection. A prompt decision upon all questions connected with Masonry is absolutely necessary, and the delay and procrastination consequent upon an appeal to the Grand Lodge, as well in trivial as important concerns, would be a greater evil than all the advantages to be derived from the establishment of the body. The distance of many of the Grand Lodges from the seat of Government, and the inclemency of the season proposed as the time of Meeting would be serious difficulties. It is to be apprehended that persons would be selected as delegates rather from the circumstances of their attendance upon the Seat of Government, upon public duty or private business, than from the knowledge of the principles of the order and its forms and Ceremonies. The Members of such a body as the one proposed ought to be intimately acquainted with the local concerns and separate interests of the bodies they represent; not only ought they to have been bright and expert workmen in their progression to distinction in the order, but they should continue to be so by constant and uninterrupted intercourse with the Lodges and daily participation in their labours. In short the Members of such a body ought to constitute the Masonic energy and intelligence of the Grand Lodge whom they would represent. On the other hand your Committee apprehend many of the Members would be selected, rather from their rank and dignity in political life and the casual circumstances before referred to than to the possession of those attainments in the order which ought to be the necessary qualifications of its members. These remarks are intended to convey our ideas of what would, in the progress of time, be the result of the establishment of a General Grand Lodge, and not as reflections upon the highly respectable Meeting who were convened at Washington.

Your Committee however believe that an occasional convocation of Delegates from the different Grand Lodges would have a salutary tendency and would furnish a remedy for many of the evils delineated in the Communication referred

to them. The deliberations of such an august and venerable body, consulting on the great interests of the order, and dependent upon the good sense and judgment of the Craft for the fulfilment of its wishes, would be received with enthusiasm, and its recommendations performed with alacrity. Although your Committee are not aware that at present "in one or two instances there are already two or more Grand Lodges in the same State, each claiming superior jurisdiction," as is stated in the communication, yet as the evil has heretofore existed and may occur again, the contemplated Convention might propose as a fundamental principle that not more than one Grand Lodge should exist in a State, and there is little doubt but that the recommendation would be adopted by the different Grand Lodges. They could adopt measures calculated to promote an uniformity of work, though most assuredly they would find it difficult, if not impracticable to enforce universal obedience to any Masonic ritual, whether it be the good old system, as handed down to us by our Masonic forefathers, or any of the new plans that have been recently adopted in various parts of our Country. They might also propose measures calculated to suppress the publication of improper books on Masonry, an evil already of considerable magnitude, and rapidly increasing with the times.

Your Committee are therefore of opinion, that a Grand Convention of Delegates from the different Grand Lodges throughout the United States, to meet on St^t John the Baptist's day in June, 1823, in either of the Cities of New York, Philadelphia or Baltimore, would be proper and expedient. They would observe some delicacy in fixing upon Our own City as the place of Meeting, and if either of the other Cities or any other place not yet designated should be preferred, they would abandon their preference, and cheerfully abide by the views of their other Brethren. At the same time they would observe that the Central position of the City of Philadelphia and the Conveniences afforded by the use of the Masonic Hall, render it, in their humble opinion, the most suitable place at which the convocation should be holden. Your Committee believe that any General Meeting should not

be held at the City of Washington, but in one of Our large Cities, where the Numbers, wealth and respectability of the Craft would afford the Delegates suitable accommodations and such other Conveniences as might render their attendance pleasant and agreeable.

Your Committee therefore offer the following Resolutions for adoption :

Resolved, that the establishment of a General Grand Lodge of the United States, and the calling a Masonic Convention for the purpose of instituting and organizing the same as proposed is inexpedient, and in the opinion of this Grand Lodge impracticable.

Resolved, that a General Grand Convention of delegates from the different Grand Lodges throughout the United States for the purpose of consulting upon the Interests of the order, be recommended to be holden on S^t John the Baptist's day in June, (the 24th) 1823, at the City of Philadelphia, or such other place as may be designated by the other Grand Lodges throughout the United States.

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge will appoint Delegates to meet such Convocation as soon as it shall appear to be the wish of the different Grand Lodges throughout the United States, that the same shall be holden.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be requested to transmit Copies of the foregoing report and resolutions to the different Grand Lodges throughout the United States, and one Copy of the same to William W. Seaton, Esq^r at the City of Washington, agreeably to the request contained in the Communication referred to your Committee.

JOSIAH RANDALL, G. M., SAMUEL F. BRADFORD, BAYSE NEWCOMB, JAMES HARPER, ju., THOMAS KITTERA, JOSEPH S. LEWIS, GEORGE A. BAKER, EDWARD KING,	}	Committee.
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Which report and resolution were adopted.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Bro. Joseph R. Hopkins a Member of the Committee to whom was referred sundry Communications relative to David Vinton, in the place of Bro. Calvin Mason, who has ceased to be a Member of the Grand Lodge in consequence of withdrawing from the Lodge of which he was a Member.

Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday the 17th instant, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

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